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JUDGE WILLIAM D. EVANS

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## JUDGE WILLIAM D. EVANS.

Judge William D. Evans, of the Iowa supreme court bench, was born May 10, 1852, a son of Evan J. Evans, who was born in 1810, in the country of Wales. In 1847, he became a resident of Utica, New York, where he remained for one year. Subsequently, he removed to Racine, Wisconsin, where in 1849 he married Ann Davis, also a native of Wales, and afterward went to Williamsburg, Iowa, where he continued to preach as a minister of the Congregational church. He was a prominent representative of the clergy of that denomination and devoted his life to this holy calling. He passed away on the 18th of January, 1884, and is survived by Mrs. Evans, who yet resides in Williamsburg.

Judge William D. Evans, one of a family of eleven children, seven of whom are now living, was largely reared in Williamsburg, acquiring his early education in the schools of that city. In 1873, however, he became a student in the Iowa State University and in 1878 completed the literary course and in 1879 the law course. He taught school both before and after his graduation but regarded that merely as an initial step to other professional activity. In September, 1879, he came to Hampton, where he became a member of the law firm of Taylor & Evans. They enjoyed an extensive practice, having clients throughout the northern part of the state. Mr. Evans was recognized as one of the eminent attorneys of the northern Iowa bar. It was evident from the beginning that he prepared his cases with great thoroughness and skill, and the logic of his deductions was based upon a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the law combined with the ability to accurately apply its principles. Recognition of his power in the courts came to him when, on the 1st of January, 1903, he became district judge of the eleventh judicial district of Iowa, after the election held previously in the fall of 1902. One competent to judge said: "Few

men have filled the position as well and none better." He served a four years' term and the indorsement of his judicial ability came to him in his reelection in 1907. He had previously served as county attorney. In 1908, following the death of Judge Bishop, of the Iowa supreme court, Judge Evans was appointed to fill out the unexpired term and at the subsequent election was chosen to serve until 1910. At the regular election of that year he was once more returned to the bench for the regular six years' term, which will continue him as a member of Iowa's highest tribunal until 1916. He is recognized as the peer of the ablest who have sat in this court of last resort. He is ever clear in his interpretation of the law, and his opinions are based upon a comprehensive review of the evidence. Strictly impartial at all times, they are to be regarded as models of judicial soundness, and his fitness and ability for the high position which he holds are indicated by the strong indorsement which he received from the bar of the state. While in active practice he handled many interesting cases, both civil and criminal, the court records of the state bearing testimony to his talent, his resourcefulness and his power in handling and assembling facts and in indicating clearly their close relation to given principles of law.

On the 29th of October, 1879, Judge Evans was united in marriage to Miss Julia Stark, a daughter of Benjamin Barber and Adelaide A. (Wise) Stark, of Woodstock, Illinois, the former a prominent farmer and teacher there. Judge and Mrs. Evans have become the parents of six children: Evan Stark, born October 20, 1880, a promising physician at Grinnell, Iowa; William Donald, who was born July 2, 1882, and is a well known attorney at Des Moines; Julia Gwendolyn, who was born October 15, 1885, and is now the wife of E. J. Jagua, assistant to the president of Grinnell College; Alice Adelaide, born November 18, 1887; John Stark, July 27, 1891; and David Benjamin, February 12, 1900. Five of the children are graduates of Grinnell College.

Judge Evans has always been interested in the cause of education and has done effective work as a helpful member of the school board of Hampton. Aside from his profession he is widely known in public connections. He is one of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank, is an extensive landowner of Franklin county, and aside from his activities for individual profit he is well known for his activities in support of progressive public movements looking to the betterment and welfare of town, county and state. In politics he is a stanch republican, believing firmly in the basic principles of the party. He is equally stanch in his opposition to the saloon and in

this as in all other things is well balanced, for he does not believe in the revolutionary methods which some would follow in doing away with the liquor traffic. In the Congregational church, of which he is a member, he has served as trustee and is now a deacon. His home is the largest and most attractively furnished residence in the town, and its hospitality is greatly appreciated by the many friends of the family. Judge Evans' interests are many and varied and each have to do with progress in some way. His professional career has been one of steady advancement from the position of an obscure and unknown attorney to that of judge of the supreme court. It is a well known fact that advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and that only merit can win recognition in the difficult and arduous profession of the law. Close study, persistency and a wise use of the talents with which nature endowed him have brought Judge Evans to the distinguished position which he now occupies.

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### ADOLPH MEYER.

Adolph Meyer is today the only one of the pioneer merchants remaining in Hampton and has been appointed postmaster for a term of years by President Wilson. For a long period he has been connected with commercial pursuits here, and the success he has achieved is the logical outcome and the merited reward of persistent, earnest and intelligently directed effort. He was born in Wisconsin, March 12, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Sophia (Baumgardner) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Switzerland. Coming to the new world, they settled in Missouri, and subsequently went to Wisconsin, whence in 1857 they arrived in Franklin county, Iowa. They took up their abode in West Fork township, where they lived until Mr. Meyer was elected county recorder, at which time they removed to Hampton, where their remaining days were passed. As a pioneer settler he took an active and helpful interest in the development and material progress of the county and as a citizen was interested in all that pertained to its welfare and upbuilding. To him and his wife were born ten children, of whom four are yet living. Adolph Meyer, the youngest of the family, was twenty years of age when he left home and went to Wichita, Kansas, where he continued for a year. He then returned to Franklin county and was thereafter engaged in farming for two years. He next embarked in general merchandising, which he has since followed. He has pur-

chased a fine brick building, which he occupies with a large and attractive line of goods, and he is today the only pioneer merchant remaining in Hampton. His store is liberally patronized, and at all times he keeps in touch with enterprising business methods and has ever been found thoroughly honorable and reliable.

On the 3d of March, 1873, Mr. Meyer married Miss Sarah L. Gilchrist, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them have been born three children: Cora, now deceased; Ethel, the wife of W. F. Locke, of Spencer, Iowa; and Coral, at home. Mr. Meyer gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never been an office seeker. However, his worth has been recognized by his appointment, by President Wilson, as postmaster for a term of four years.

The cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend and for eleven years he has served as school director. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church. His has been an upright, honorable life, characterized by energy and enterprise in business affairs and by loyalty in friendship.

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### HENRY PAULLUS.

Henry Paullus has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county since 1891, and his success is demonstrated in the fact of his ownership of an excellent property of one hundred and ninety-four acres on sections 19 and 20, Mott township. He was born in Wisconsin, August 9, 1868, and is a son of Fred and Elizabeth (Kaus) Paullus, natives of Germany. In their family were fourteen children, of whom seven have passed away.

Henry Paullus began his independent career when he was twenty-three years of age, renting one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Scott township, this county. The next year he rented two hundred acres in Wisner township and operated this for two years, after which he purchased his present property on sections 19 and 20, Mott township. He has since engaged in general farming and stock raising upon this property, which he has provided with modern buildings and excellent machinery, the entire place reflecting his able management and careful supervision.

On February 24, 1892, Mr. Paullus married Miss Emma Menning, a daughter of John and Barbara (Stopple) Menning, natives of Bavaria, Germany, who after their arrival in America located in Wisconsin, whence they moved to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1870. The father was born September 24, 1827, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Koenig) Menning, also natives of Bavaria. After he arrived in Franklin county he settled on section 13, Marion township, and on the 9th of April, 1872, purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land there. He and his wife became the parents of nine children: John; Michael; George A.; Margaret; Elizabeth; Barbara; Fred H.; Andrew; and Emma C., wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Paullus became the parents of eight children: a son who died in infancy; Fred J.; George H.; Myrtle R.; J. C.; Evelyn E.; Ethel V.; and a child as yet unnamed.

Mr. Paullus is a member of the Christian church. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served in various township offices. He has lived in Franklin county for many years and during that time has risen to a high place in the ranks of progressive agriculturists and useful citizens.

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#### RICHARD RODEMEYER, SR.

Richard Rodemeyer, Sr., became the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Franklin county, Iowa, and his property holdings were the visible evidences of a life of well directed thrift and intelligent effort. He was born in Landesbergen, in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, October 21, 1845, and in childhood lost his father. His mother afterward came to America, where she resided for a number of years prior to her demise. In the common schools of his native country Richard Rodemeyer pursued his education and in June, 1866, when in the twenty-first year of his age, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Chicago. The reports concerning the favorable business opportunities of America led him to make this change in residence, and he continued in Chicago until after the great fire in that city in October, 1871.

It was on the 18th of February, 1872, that Mr. Rodemeyer was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Steffen, who was then living with her sister in Chicago. She was born December 26, 1842, at Schieffelbein, Prussia, Germany, and when a small child was left an orphan. Her father was a government forester and subsequent to his death

and that of her mother Mrs. Rodemeyer went to London, England, and thence came to the United States.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rodemeyer removed from Chicago to Waterloo, Iowa, where for three years he engaged in farming. On the expiration of that period they took up their abode in Franklin county, and as a result of his careful management and judicious investment Mr. Rodemeyer became the owner of four hundred acres of fine land. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil and as time passed on his well cultivated crops brought him a substantial financial return. At length he determined to retire and spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned and well merited rest. Accordingly in 1905 he left the farm and he and his wife took up their abode in Latimer.

They were the parents of seven sons and two daughters: Louie F. D.; Herman H. and William, twins; Richard; Pauline; Frederick D., manager for the Interstate Lumber Company at Alexander, Iowa; Edward, who died January 17, 1904; Ernest D.; and Lena. The first break in the family circle was occasioned by the death of the son Edward in 1904. Nine years later Mr. Rodemeyer passed away, dying on the 20th of August, 1913, after an illness of nearly six weeks. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and its teachings proved the guiding spirit in their lives. In politics Mr. Rodemeyer was a stanch democrat. He was fond of reading and during his leisure hours was usually found with book or paper in his hand. He thus became a well informed man and one who could converse in interesting manner upon any of the subjects of general public moment. During his long residence in Iowa he made many friends and the high esteem in which he was uniformly held by his acquaintances indicated the sterling worth of his character.

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#### HON. ORSON G. REEVE.

Hon. Orson G. Reeve, representing his district in the state legislature and recognized for many years as one of the representative citizens of Franklin county, makes his home in Hampton, where he has lived since retiring from active farm life, having turned over the management and cultivation of his farm to his sons. He was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, July 4, 1846, his parents being James B. and



HON. ORSON G. REEVE



Adeline (Riggs) Reeve, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The father came to Iowa in October, 1852, and here established a home for his family upon a farm in Reeve township. He was one of the pioneer settlers here, assisting in the organization of the county and was the first county judge. In many ways he left the impress of his individuality upon the progress and development of this section of the state. He took up the first claim in the county and Reeve township was named in his honor. At the time of the Civil war he raised Company H, of the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, was elected its captain, went to the front and in June, 1863, died at Fort Pillow, Tennessee. His wife has also passed away. They were the parents of eleven children: Fernando L., who was a member of the Ninth Iowa Infantry in the Civil war and died in Andersonville prison in August, 1864; Theodore H., who was also a member of the same regiment and is now engaged in the practice of law and also conducts a real-estate business at Dewey, Oklahoma; Orilla M., who is the wife of John T. James, of Arkansas; Orson G.; Beulah M., deceased; John R., who is engaged in the coal and grain business in Hampton; Susan M., the wife of H. A. Clock, of Long Beach, California; Albert, living in Reeve township; Ella, the wife of F. Foster, of St. Marys, Idaho; Herman D., who was secretary to Congressman Hall and is now practicing law in Washington, D. C.; and Emily A., teacher in a missionary school in India.

Orson G. Reeve was a little lad of but seven years when brought by his parents to this county, where he was reared and educated, having the usual experiences of the pioneer lad who is reared on the frontier. He was but seventeen years of age, when in June, 1863, about the time of his father's death, he offered his services to the government as a union soldier, joining Company G, Eighth Iowa Calvary, with which he served for two years, being honorably discharged on the 30th of September, 1865, at Macon, Georgia. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and went through all the rigors and hardships of war, yet had not attained his majority, when after two years of service at the front he returned home. At once he resumed farming and has always lived in Reeve township. He made agricultural pursuits his life work and is still the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich, valuable and productive land, which is now being cultivated by his sons while, having retired from business cares, Mr. Reeve is spending his days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He removed to Hampton on the 1st of March, 1913, and there occupies a beautiful and commodious home.

In politics Mr. Reeve has always been a stalwart republican, casting his first vote for Lincoln when but eighteen years of age. This privilege came to him through the fact that he was serving as a soldier and the right of franchise was accorded to all soldiers in the field. On the 17th of March, 1913, he was elected to the state legislature to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Frank Thayer, so that he is now a member of the Iowa general assembly. He had previously held every office in Reeve township and in all had proven himself a loyal official, prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

On the 30th of September, 1872, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Parks, a native of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and to them have been born eight children: Olive, at home; Orilla M., who is an osteopathic practitioner in Mason City, Iowa; Adele, the wife of W. L. Johnson, a farmer of Reeve township; Charles H., who died May 13, 1913; John J., who follows farming in Reeve township; Lew, Myra and Lovell, all at home.

Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon the battle fields of the south.

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### JACOB SCHACHTERLE.

One of the extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of Franklin county is Jacob Schacterle, owning and operating four hundred acres of land in Osceola township. He was born in Germany, February 14, 1855, and is a son of Jacob and Phillipina (Auf) Schacterle, also natives of the fatherland. The parents have passed away, leaving two children: Jacob, of this review; and Henry, residing in Germany.

Jacob Schacterle acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, studying until he was twenty-one. He spent three years in the German army and later, in 1880, emigrated to America, making his home in Franklin county. Soon afterward he bought a tract of eighty acres in Osceola township and to this original farm has added from time to time until he now has four hundred acres, all in Osceola township. Mr. Schacterle engages in general farming and has followed always the most progressive

method, so that he has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 21st of June, 1882, Mr. Schachterle was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sessler and they have become the parents of nine children: Elizabeth, the wife of Earl Jernegan, of Hampton; Henry, John, William, Fred, Charles, Ella, Amelia and August, all at home.

Mr. Schachterle is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to various positions of public trust and responsibility and has served as school director and township trustee. He is now treasurer of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a loyal and earnest supporter. He has lived in Franklin county for over thirty years, and during that time he has contributed substantially to agricultural development and growth winning a gratifying degree of success and a high place in the ranks of progressive farmers and useful citizens.

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### JAMES J. SHARPE.

James J. Sharpe, filling the office of county attorney and recognized as an able lawyer, fully capable of handling the litigated interests in which the county becomes involved, was born in Pennsylvania, August 8, 1873, his parents being Moore I., and Katherine (Johnson) Sharpe. The father, a native of Ireland, came to America when eighteen years of age, or in 1863, and settled in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. It was in that state that he met and married Katherine Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania. In the year 1885 he brought his family to Iowa, settling in Franklin county, where he followed the trade of blacksmithing, which he has made his life work. He now resides in Perry, Iowa. To him and his wife were born nine children: James J.; Anna, who is engaged in teaching near Algona, Iowa; William, statistician for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Chicago; Emma, the wife of Lee A. Robinson, of Perry, Iowa; Lucy, the wife of Carl Bramner, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Stewart, a practicing attorney at Delmont, South Dakota; Alfred, who is agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Perry, Iowa; Susan, who is engaged in teaching school; and John, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, who is traveling auditor for the Illinois Central Railroad.

Brought to Iowa when a lad of twelve years, James J. Sharpe was graduated from the high school of Iowa Falls with the class of 1893, and afterward entered the State University at Iowa City, where he pursued a classical course, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898. During vacation periods and in the evenings he studied law and he also taught school for a year. He was admitted to the bar in 1898 and subsequently followed the profession of teaching until he felt able to concentrate his efforts entirely upon law practice. For two years he was associated with Judge Lewis of Montezuma, Iowa, and in 1909 he came to Hampton, where he has since followed his profession. He is now county attorney, to which office he was elected in 1912. He has also been accorded a good private practice, and his fellow members of the bar speak of him as one who is careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases and clear and cogent in the presentation of his cause.

Mr. Sharpe was married June 20, 1899, to Lillian Ehret, a graduate of the Iowa City high school and the State University, of Iowa, winning the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. She is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe have been born a daughter and son: Esther, whose birth occurred July 17, 1902; and Lawrence, who was born August 17, 1903. Mr. Sharpe gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is a Mason and in religious belief is a Methodist. He stands for all those things which tend to promote welfare and progress in city, county, state or nation. He chose as a life work a profession in which advancement must be gained by individual merit, and through earnest study, close application and ability he is working his way steadily upward as a member of the Franklin county bar.

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#### FREDERICK D. RODEMEYER.

Frederick D. Rodemeyer, a worthy native son and representative young citizen of Franklin county, has for the past seven years been in charge of the yards of the Interstate Lumber Company at Alexander and in this connection has made an enviable business record. His birth occurred in Hamilton township, this county, on the 26th of January, 1881, his parents being Richard and Hulda (Steffen) Rodemeyer, the former born in Landesbergen, Hanover, Germany,

on the 21st of October, 1845, and the latter in Schiefelbein, Prussia, Germany. Richard Rodemeyer emigrated to the United States in June, 1866, settling first in Chicago, Illinois, where he was married on the 18th of February, 1872. Subsequently he removed with his wife to Waterloo, Blackhawk county, Iowa, and three years later came to Franklin county, locating on a farm in Hamilton township. Here he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits for many years or until 1905, when he put aside the active work of the fields and during the remainder of his life resided in a comfortable home at Latimer, there passing away on the 20th of August, 1913. His widow and youngest daughter still reside in that abode. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rodemeyer were born nine children, eight of whom still survive, as follows: Louie, who lives on the old home farm in Hamilton township; Herman and William, twins, who make their home east of Coulter, Iowa; Richard, Jr., living in Hamilton township; Mrs. Pauline Meyer, who makes her home near Latimer, Iowa; Frederick D., of this review; Ernest, a resident of Hamilton township; and Lena, who lives with her mother in Latimer. Edward passed away January 17, 1904, at the age of twenty. The three eldest children of this family were born in Waterloo, Iowa, while the younger members are natives of Hamilton township, this county, where all were reared.

Frederick D. Rodemeyer grew to manhood in his native county, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education and assisting his father in the work of the home farm until eighteen years of age. He then began earning his own livelihood, being employed as a farm hand by Joseph Roberts in 1900-01, while during the following year he worked for Edward Heuer, of Burdette, Iowa, and in 1902-03 was in the service of Jefferson Pearse, of Geneva, Iowa. On the 19th of February, 1903, when twenty-two years of age, he entered the service of the Interstate Lumber Company of Hampton, Iowa, remaining at that place until March 1, 1906. On the 1st of May following he went to Barron, Wisconsin, to build the lumberyards of the firm at that place, while on the 1st of November, 1906, he was placed in charge of the Alexander yards of the Interstate Lumber Company. In this capacity he has remained to the present time, ably and wisely promoting the interests of the concern which he represents. He owns an attractive and well furnished home in Alexander and is widely recognized as one of the successful and representative young citizens of the town.

On the 8th of December, 1909, Mr. Rodemeyer was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Yaw, who was born in Scott township,

this county, on the 27th of September, 1891, acquired her education in the common schools of Alexander and has always remained within the borders of Franklin county. A sketch of her father, George S. Yaw, appears on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Rodemeyer have two sons: Boyd Yaw, whose natal day was April 9, 1911; and Robert Frederick, whose birth occurred on the 5th of June, 1913. Both were born in Alexander.

In his political views Mr. Rodemeyer is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He was reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church, while his wife inclines toward the Methodist Episcopal faith. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and have gained an extensive circle of friends during their lifelong residence here.

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### GEORGE GRAFF.

Since 1883 George Graff has been a resident of Franklin county and during practically all of the intervening period has been closely connected with agricultural interests. He is today one of the progressive and representative farmers of Grant township owning and operating two hundred and eighty acres of land on section 9. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 17, 1860, and is a son of Christian and Dorada (Haas) Graff, also natives of Germany. The parents emigrated to America on the 17th of October, 1882, and on the 1st of March, 1883, came to Franklin county, joining the subject of this review, who had located here in the previous autumn. Both the father and mother died in Franklin county. They had six children: George, of this review; Matthew, a resident of Chicago; Gottlieb, deceased; Mary, the wife of Jacob Schwartz, of Lemoore, California; Christ, of Popejoy, Franklin county; and Andrew, residing in Reeve township.

George Graff came to Franklin county in the fall of 1882, and after he was joined by his parents made his home with them until he was thirty years of age. He married in 1890 and then rented one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he resided for five years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Grant township, and he has since increased this farm to two hundred and eighty acres. He has provided it with substantial barns and outbuildings and modern machinery, and he has made other

excellent improvements, making the property a visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift.

Mr. Graff married Miss Mary Beilharz, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of eight children: John, a resident of Minnesota; Andrew, deceased; and Emma, Herman, Ella, Rosa, Carrie and Mabel, at home. Mr. Graff is a member of the Lutheran church and in politics votes independently. His life has been such as to give him high standing in the eyes of the community, and he is generally recognized as a man whose long years of earnest labor in this township have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have influenced also general growth and advancement.

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### HENRY O. BEED.

Henry O. Beed, a hardware merchant of Hampton, and one of the native sons of the city, was born January 20, 1873, a son of John and Celma (Rose) Beed, the former a native of England, but the latter of Ohio. At an early period in the development of this state, the father came to Iowa, where he engaged in buying grain to the time of his death. His widow survives. In their family were five children, but three daughters died in infancy. The surviving sister of Henry O. Beed is Mrs. Emma Cogswell, the wife of F. A. Cogswell, of Rockwell, Iowa.

In the public schools Henry O. Beed acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in a business college at Des Moines. He was graduated therefrom and afterward went to Florida, where he engaged in the orange business for ten years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Hampton and for two years was employed in the feed store of his uncle. He next purchased the hardware business of F. D. Smith in 1902 and has since been proprietor of the store. He carries a large and well selected line of shelf and heavy hardware and has a liberal patronage which he well merits, owing to his honorable business dealing and enterprising methods.

Mr. Beed was united in marriage on the 23d of August, 1893, to Miss Grace E. Ross, a native of Franklin county, and unto them have been born seven children: Eunice, Lloyd, Cecil, Winnifred, Carol, John and Celma, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. Mr. Beed holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Congregational church—associations that indicate much of the rules

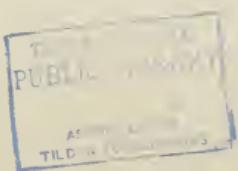
that govern his conduct and the principles which shape his life. He has served as alderman and is a member of the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend, anxious to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the schools and of public affairs in general. He has a wide acquaintance in Hampton and Franklin counties, and that his life has been well spent is indicated by the number of his friends.

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### LEWIS E. HAECKER, M. D.

In a record of the medical profession as represented in Franklin county it is imperative that mention be made of Dr. Lewis E. Haecker, who by individual merit and ability has worked his way steadily upward in his chosen calling and has become recognized as one who with notable skill, combats the onslaughts of disease. Dr. Haecker was born at Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, November 17, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Drohman) Haecker, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. When fourteen years of age Henry Haecker came to America and settled at Cleveland, Ohio, and on the 17th of November, 1864, he arrived in Iowa, taking up his abode in Franklin county, two miles north of Hampton. He was a farmer, engaging in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He was deeply interested in politics and kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day yet never sought nor desired political preferment for himself. He died in Hampton in October, 1895, while his wife passed away in July, 1901. They were pioneer settlers of the county, having come here when the work of development and progress had scarcely been begun. They lived to witness many of the notable changes which have been brought about and were always loyal and progressive citizens. In their family were eleven children: Emanuel and John D., both now deceased; Theopolis L., for many years professor of animal industry in the State University at Minnesota; Lydia, the wife of Charles Beed, of Hampton; Christina, the wife of T. H. Rose, of Oklahoma; Theodore and Mary, both now deceased; Charlotte, the wife of Henry Andrews and a resident of Hampton; Elijah D., of Hampton; Lewis E.; and Emma Delle, the wife of C. F. Johnston, of Sheffield, Iowa.

Lewis E. Haecker spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, being but a year old on the day when the family





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*Josephine Haecker*



arrived in Franklin county. He continued to assist in the work of the farm through his minority and at twenty-three years of age left home. Realizing the value of education and wishing to enjoy further opportunities in that connection he entered the Albion Seminary when twenty-three years of age, devoting a year to study in that institution and during that time covered a two years' course.

He afterward spent four years in Nebraska, after which he returned to Hampton. While in Nebraska, where he went originally for the benefit of his health and where he was miles away from neighbors, he had on several occasions the opportunity to display something of his inventive genius and his mental resourcefulness. At that time he had secured no education along medical and surgical lines, but on two occasions, when accidents happened and there was no chance to secure the services of a physician, he set fractured bones, although he had never seen a splint. The physician, when later called, could find no fault with the dressing and strongly advised Mr. Haecker to take up the profession of medicine, which he later did. Following his return to Hampton he taught school during the winter seasons and attended Rush Medical College of Chicago until graduated with the class of 1894. He spent thirteen months as interne in the Alexian Brothers Hospital of Chicago and then located for practice in Hampton in June, 1895. Here he has since remained and his ability has gained him wide recognition. He is a thorough student, constantly reading along broadening professional lines, while experience also adds to his skill and ability. After a few years' practice in Hampton, Dr. Haecker had become recognized as the leading physician of the city and it was only on account of his great sorrow and deep bereavement when he lost first his beloved daughter and later his wife that he for a time practically retired. It is a matter of gratification to all of his old-time and later patrons that he has resumed his practice, which no doubt will soon gain its former proportions. He is widely known for his ability in surgery and is constantly experimenting with his two X-ray machines in detecting diseases and fractures, becoming regarded as an expert in this line.

On the 7th of May, 1894, Dr. Haecker was united in marriage to Miss Josephine L. Heitman, a Franklin county girl, although the wedding was celebrated in Chicago. The death of Mrs. Haecker occurred March 6, 1913, to the deep regret of her many friends as well as her relatives. The only daughter of this marriage, Barbara, died on the 8th of July, 1911, and the loss was an irreparable

one to her devoted parents. She was a most beautiful, lovable child, but fifteen years of age at the time of her death. Every possible effort had been made by her parents to save her, but all to no avail. At the funeral services Dr. De Witt Clinton said: "The wisest of Kings wrote a poem in which he represents his bride as saying, 'My beloved is gone down into his garden to gather lilies.' A recent interpreter makes a parable of this, figuring the Lord as coming down to earth and selecting the choicest specimens of our race and often the beautiful bud half opened, to transplant them to His paradise to bloom forever. Such a lily was Barbara Haecker, just blossoming into young womanhood, fifteen years of age, frail, beautiful, pure, of fragrant influence and memory. Hers was a beauty of face and mind. She had a taste for the beautiful in nature and art. She loved only the best in literature and recoiled from that which lacked naturalness and genuineness. Hers was a beauty of character shining in her countenance and giving a grace to her manner that attracted particular attention wherever she went. Hers was the beauty of a white soul in its simplicity and innocence, over which would play at times the flush of indignation at the recognition of evil."

A memorial article written of her said, "Barbara was a remarkable girl, inasmuch as hers was a dual nature in which was combined the sweetness, tenderness and peace of childhood and the wisdom and judgment of older age. The vista that opened before her extended far. In early years she harbored conceptions which rang true to life. Justice and charity were inborn traits. To hear people criticised harshly and unwarrantedly grated on her fine sensibilities and she was not slow to chide those who might err in this regard. Evidently, by that intuition that so often is associated with the feminine, she understood that conditions which are not easily changed mold the characters of men and women. For her age, she possessed a wonderfully philosophical mind and her power of discernment was bright as a crystal. Sophistry found less lodgment in her mind than it does in the minds of the majority of those who are called grown up. She had come to understand that cause and effect give birth to circumstances and thus she paid homage to the laws of the Creator. She was the child's friend, particularly the poor child's friend, and the simple, crumpled flowers—flowers without stems, but which bore the aroma of love—that were brought to the door by soiled hands, were a more precious tribute than a greenhouse could produce."

Such a life leaves behind it a memory that is more precious than untold wealth—an inspiration through all the years to come. In



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religious faith Dr. Haecker is a Methodist, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen. He has a wide acquaintance in Franklin county, where almost his entire life has been passed, and the circle of his friends is an extensive one, owing not only to his professional ability but also to his personal worth, which inspires admiration and warm regard.

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### GEORGE WILLIAM VAN EVERY.

George William Van Every, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is now the owner of an excellent farm comprising one hundred and eighty-four acres on section 31, Ross township. His birth occurred at Apple River, Illinois, on the 9th of April, 1875, his parents being David Edward and Anna (Goldsboro) Van Every, the former a native of Canada and the latter of England. They were married in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and took up their abode in Franklin county, Iowa, in 1881, having here remained throughout the intervening thirty-two years. They now reside on a little farm in Richland township and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

George W. Van Every, who was a lad of six years when he came to this county with his parents, remained at home until twenty-two years of age. Starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he first owned and operated a farm in South Dakota but subsequently sold the property. He next owned and cultivated a tract of land in Marion township, this county, and after disposing of that place purchased a forty-acre farm on section 25, Richland township, which he operated successfully for seven years or until 1913. In that year he sold the tract and bought one hundred and eighty-four acres of land in Ross township, where he has resided to the present time. He is an industrious and enterprising agriculturist and success has attended his well directed efforts.

In Franklin county, in 1898, Mr. Van Every was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Crawford, a daughter of James Crawford, of Mott township. They now have two children, Edra and Harry. Mr. Van Every is a republican in his political views and has served as assessor of Richland township for five years, while during one term he acted as constable. He has likewise been a school director,

the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Chapin and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at that place, being a charter member of the latter organization. The salient qualities of his life have ever commended him to the confidence, good-will and friendship of those with whom he comes in contact, and he has always enjoyed the warm regard of a host of friends.

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### JOSEPH MITCHELL.

Joseph Mitchell, who has resided within the borders of Franklin county for the past forty-five years, has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits with excellent success throughout his entire business career and is now living in honorable retirement at Chapin, having recently leased his farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres on section 31, Ross township. His birth occurred in Hazel Green, Grant county, Wisconsin, on the 30th of September, 1853, his parents being Joseph and Mary Ann (Crase) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of England. They emigrated to the United States in early manhood and young womanhood and were married in Wisconsin. In 1868 they established their home in Franklin county, Iowa, Joseph Mitchell, Sr., who was an agriculturist by occupation, purchasing one hundred and eighty-five acres of land on section 31, Ross township, on which stood a little house. He made a number of substantial improvements on the property and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in February, 1907, at the age of eighty-three years. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence in this county, which covered almost four decades. For a number of years he had survived his wife, who passed away at the age of sixty-eight, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Mitchell also belonged. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Eliza Jane, who is the wife of Dr. Ross and resides in Hampton; Joseph, of this review; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to T. M. Hamilton, of Chapin; and William, who died at the age of fifteen years.

Joseph Mitchell, who was a youth of fifteen when he came to this county with his parents, remained on the old home farm in Ross township and eventually came into possession of the property. After

the death of his mother he kept bachelor's hall with his father for a number of years and has been alone since the latter's demise. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a well merited measure of prosperity, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. He has recently leased the farm and erected a residence in Chapin, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Mr. Mitchell is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which he has so long resided and is justly entitled to representation among its best citizens.

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### JOHN MCGRATH.

John McGrath, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Franklin county, owning and operating two hundred acres of well improved land on section 21, West Fork township, was born in Canada and is a son of Michael and Mary (Hogan) McGrath, natives of Ireland. The father came to America when he was twenty years of age and the mother at the age of thirteen, and their marriage occurred in Canada, where Michael McGrath owned land. They came to Franklin county in 1872 after having spent one and a half years in Vermont, and they settled on section 8 on what is now Marion township. The father purchased eighty acres of wild land for three hundred dollars and operated and developed this property until his death, which occurred in 1876. His wife passed away in Ackley just before the family removed to the Franklin county farm. In this family were seven children, of whom five grew to maturity as follows: James, who owns two farms in West Fork township, but who makes his home in Mason City; Mrs. Catherine Roaner, a widow living with her daughter in Adrian, Minnesota; John, of this review; and Mrs. John T. Kenefick and Mrs. J. H. Ochs, both of whom have passed away.

John McGrath was twelve years of age when he began herding cattle on the Iowa prairies, and he later secured a position as a farm hand working for twenty-three years thereafter for A. M. Mott, a large landowner and prosperous farmer of Franklin county. Mr. McGrath managed Mr. Mott's farms for a number of years, resigning his position in 1903 in order to become an independent agriculturist. He bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, West Fork township and to this has since added until he owns two hundred

acres. The land is in a high state of cultivation and is provided with excellent buildings and modern machinery.

Mr. McGrath is a member of the Catholic church. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors for three years and in matters of citizenship is helpful and progressive, cooperating heartily in measures for the general advancement and growth. He enjoys in full measure the friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact, and a life of well directed activity has gained for him a high place in agricultural circles.

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### GEORGE A. BIRD.

George A. Bird, one of the successful and representative farmers of Franklin county, owning three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 30, Mott township, was born in England, April 10, 1864. He is a son of John and Ann (Beet) Bird, natives of England. The mother died in that country in July, 1910, and is survived by her husband. Eleven children were born to their union: Ruth, of England; George A., of this review; Mary, residing in England; John A., deceased; Maggie and Ada, of England; James, a Methodist minister located at Monona, Iowa; Joseph and Christopher, who reside in England; Harold, engaged in railroad work in Connellsville, Pennsylvania; and a son who died in infancy.

George A. Bird was reared in England and at the early age of thirteen began farming, following that occupation there for seven years. He then came to America, locating in Wisconsin, whence after five years he moved to Franklin county, Iowa. He rented a farm here for seven years and at the end of that time bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, Mott township. This he has since increased to three hundred and twenty acres, and he has greatly improved the property, erecting substantial barns and out-buildings and providing modern equipment. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, and his success is the natural result of his wise and capable management.

On the 25th of August, 1887, Mr. Bird was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fox and to this union have been born three children: Arthur C., of Mott township; and Raymond George and Roy John, twins, at home. Mr. Bird is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, serving at present as township trustee. He enjoys in a high degree the

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respect and confidence of his friends and acquaintances and is known as a man of unusual energy, perseverance and ability who is governed by a high sense of honor in all business and personal dealings.

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### CHARLES H. SCANTLEBURY.

Charles H. Scantlebury, who since 1911 has filled the responsible position of manager of the Farmers Elevator and has conducted a prosperous and growing business in this connection, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, August 26, 1868, and is a son of Edward D. and Elizabeth (Ormrod) Scantlebury, both of whom were natives of England. They came to America in 1848, settling in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where they remained until 1873. They then went to California and two years were passed on the Pacific coast. In 1875 they came to Iowa and in 1878 came to Franklin county, where Mr. Scantlebury continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death on the 28th of February, 1897. His widow survives him and makes her home in Hampton. In their family were six children: William F., now a traveling salesman who resides in Des Moines; Charles H.; Josephine, the wife of H. J. Henderson, of Hampton; F. J. also living in Hampton; Ella, the wife of Frank O. Roberts, of Fresno, California; and Edward C., a veterinary surgeon engaged in practice in Hampton.

Charles H. Scantlebury spent his youthful days upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At length he rented one thousand acres of land, which he cultivated for three years and on the expiration of that period removed to Sheffield, where he engaged in buying grain for a year. He next purchased eighty-seven acres in Washington township and thereon resided from 1894 until 1903. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land adjoining Hampton. In 1911 he was made manager of the Farmers Elevator and conducts the business in connection with the supervision of his farm. He is an energetic, practical and progressive farmer and business man and thus contributes much to the substantial development of the community.

On the 26th of November, 1894, Mr. Scantlebury was united in marriage to Miss Rose Kempthorne, a native of Franklin county and a representative of one of the pioneer families. Unto Mr. and

Mrs. Scantlebury have been born five children: Charles Clay, born December 8, 1897; Bernice Etha, born February 5, 1900; Ronald Earl, born January 20, 1901; Russell Lowell, born May 7, 1907; and Hazel May, born March 24, 1912.

In his political views Mr. Scantlebury is a republican, earnest and constant in support of the party, yet never a politician in the sense of office seeking. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Methodist church. From early boyhood to the present time he has lived in Franklin county and has always been identified with its agricultural interests, his practical and progressive methods contributing to the splendid reputation which Iowa justly bears as one of the leading agricultural states of the union.

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#### W. K. LONG, M. D.

W. K. Long, M. D., successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Hampton, having thoroughly qualified for the profession through comprehensive study and hospital work, was born in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1876, his parents being Uriah and Emeline (Klingeman) Long, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father was also a practicing physician, but he and his wife are now deceased. In their family were seven children, three of whom are yet living.

Dr. Long pursued his early education in the public schools of Nebraska and afterward had the benefit of a course in the State University at Lincoln, registering in the medical department of the university and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work he entered the Northwestern Medical College at Chicago and won his professional degree in 1906. He spent two years in St. Luke's Hospital of that city as an interne, gaining the broad knowledge and varied experience which only hospital practice can bring. He has also taken post-graduate work in Vienna, Austria, studying the methods of many of the eminent physicians and surgeons of the old world.

Dr. Long located for practice at Latimer, Iowa, where he remained until 1910, when he came to Hampton, where he has since successfully followed his profession, winning a large practice which

he well merits. He is now health officer of the city. His social nature finds expression in his membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons, and he is most loyal to the teachings of those organizations.

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### A. J. FRONING.

A. J. Froning, the present mayor of Sheffield, owns an elevator here and has been successfully engaged in the grain and coal business at this place for the past three years. He likewise owns a valuable farm of two hundred acres east of Sheffield. His birth occurred near Freeport, Stephenson county, Illinois, on the 2d of September, 1866, his parents being August and Margaret (Bohen) Froning, who were born, reared and married in Germany. In 1857 or 1858 they emigrated to the United States, locating in Stephenson county, Illinois. In 1885 August Froning disposed of his property there and came to Franklin county, Iowa, settling in Ross township, where he owned and cultivated a half section of land. He won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as an agriculturist and spent his last days in honorable retirement, residing for a year at Hampton and for four years at Sheffield, where his demise occurred when he had attained the age of seventy-seven. His wife passed away on the farm at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were devoted members of the German Baptist church, and Mr. Froning gave his political allegiance to the republican party, holding a number of minor township offices. To him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: one who died in infancy; T. D., who passed away at Grundy Center, Iowa, when thirty-three years of age; John, who is a resident of Richland township; Katie, the wife of August Wilkins, of Lorraine, Kansas; Henry J., living in Frederick, Kansas; H. E., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Chapin, Iowa; Lizzie, who gave her hand in marriage to H. Van Deest, of New Hartford, Iowa; and A. J., of this review.

The last named spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Stephenson county and was a young man of nineteen when he came with his parents to Franklin county, Iowa. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a tract of eighty-nine acres south of Sheffield and residing thereon for three years. He then came into possession of a farm near Geneva, the operation of which claimed his attention for two years. Subsequently

he was engaged in the grain and coal business at Geneva for three years and next spent a year at New Hartford in the same lines. Mr. Froning later purchased the farm of his father-in-law east of Sheffield, remaining thereon for a year, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the grain and elevator business at Allison, Butler county, Iowa, where he was thus engaged for three years. In 1905 he bought two elevators at Sheffield and conducted them for two years, at the end of which time he sold out and purchased the farm belonging to the Jensen estate, which lies east of Sheffield. The property comprises two hundred acres of rich and productive land and is still in his possession. For the past three years, however, he has been engaged in the grain and coal business at Sheffield, owning an elevator here. He has won prosperity in his different ventures and has long been numbered among the substantial, representative and leading citizens of the community.

In Franklin county, Mr. Froning wedded Miss Nellie Scott, a native of Hardin county and a daughter of Lonsdale Scott. They have eleven children, as follows: Arthur C., who is married and lives on his father's farm east of Sheffield; Ollie, the wife of Walter DeVoe, of Elberon, Iowa, who is associated with his father-in-law in the ownership of a lumberyard there; Pearl, a school teacher by profession; Alfred; August; Lonsdale; Nellie; Margaret; Grace; and Robert and Richard, twins, who are in their second year.

Mr. Froning is a republican in politics and has been honored by election to the office of mayor in Sheffield, his administration being characterized by measures of reform and improvement along various lines. He has likewise done valuable service as a member of the city council. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sheffield. In all his business and social relations he is straightforward and reliable, enjoying the full confidence of those with whom he is associated.

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### JOHN GODFREY SHOWALTER.

John Godfrey Showalter, a progressive and practical young agriculturist of Reeve township, operating a farm of two hundred acres on section 3, was born in Freeport, Illinois, August 6, 1883, a son of Charles F. and Isabelle Jane (Vought) Showalter. He was reared at home, remaining with his parents in Iowa until he was

twenty-one years of age. He then moved to Illinois, his native state, but at the end of one year returned to Franklin county, where he has since been engaged in farming, operating his father's farm of two hundred acres on section 3, Reeve township. His methods are practical and therefore productive of excellent results, and he is meeting with gratifying and well deserved success.

On February 21, 1911, Mr. Showalter married Miss Laura Schroeder, a native of Freeport, Illinois, and they have become the parents of one child, Cheryll Isabelle, born December 1, 1912. Mr. Showalter is a member of the Methodist church, is connected with the Masonic fraternity and is a republican in his political beliefs. Although he is still a young man he has already been carried forward into important relations with agricultural interests, and his continued success is assured.

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### GEORGE HEMM.

George Hemm, engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon three hundred and sixty acres of land on section 17, Mott township, was born in Kendall county, Illinois, April 17, 1860. He is a son of George M. and Carrie (Bosenecker) Hemm, natives of Germany. In their early years the parents came to America and settled in Oswego, Illinois, later moving to Kendall county, where the father engaged in farming until his death. His wife survived him some years, dying December 1, 1910. Twelve children were born to their union: Philip, of Chapin, Iowa; Caroline, the wife of Noah Thomas, of Chapin; John, a resident of Aurora, Illinois; George, of this review; William, also of Chapin; Mary, the wife of James Eddy, of Swaledale, Iowa; Henry, deceased; Carrie and Louisa, who have also passed away; Charles, of Kendall county, Illinois; Michael, who died in infancy; and Theodore, of Kendall county.

George Hemm began his independent career at the age of twenty-four, renting eighty acres of land in Kendall county. He operated this property for one year and then in 1886 moved to Franklin county, Iowa, renting a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. At the end of one year he rented two hundred and forty acres and after three years bought this property, which two years later he sold. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Mott township, and he has since increased this to three hundred

and sixty acres, its present dimensions. Upon this property he engages in general farming and stock-raising and his intelligent management and practical methods have resulted in a gratifying measure of success.

On the 2d of March, 1887, Mr. Hemm was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Bollinger, and they have become the parents of five children: May, the wife of Earl Whitehead, of Mott township; David H., at home; Alice, who is engaged in nursing; and Lillian and Fern, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead have two children, George and Donald.

Mr. Hemm is a member of the Christian church, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as school director and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen takes a commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to promote the material and intellectual welfare of the community.

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### EDWARD SMITH PATTERSON.

The history of Edward Smith Patterson has become an integral part of the annals of Hampton, because of his business prominence and enterprise and his active and helpful connection with public affairs. He seemed to readily recognize the opportunities for growth before the city, and he instituted various measures productive of general good. A native of Ireland, he was born in County Cavan, in the year 1844, and when fourteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Wisconsin, where he turned his attention to merchandising. For a time he was engaged in business with his brothers at Delavan, Wisconsin, and subsequently at Beaver Dam, but afterward established business on his own account in Clinton, Iowa. In 1874 he came to Hampton, where he opened a general dry-goods store, calling it the Shanty. He was associated with a partner, K. S. Cole, but this connection was eventually dissolved. In the meantime he had erected a brick business block. There are two pillars in the center of his store which are the only iron pillars that have ever been manufactured in Hampton, for the foundry in which they were made failed and the business was discontinued. At the time of building the store Edward Smith Patterson planned to enlarge it as the growth of his business would permit and in so doing, by using the iron pillars imbedded in the brick wall, made the building suffi-



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ciently strong to sustain the weight of the second story which was added years later. This is but one instance which might be cited of his sagacity. His business grew and developed and has been enlarged from time to time until the store is now the largest in Hampton.

Mr. Patterson died February 20, 1911, but his widow still survives and makes her home in Hampton. He not only became the leading merchant of the city, but was also a most prominent factor in public affairs and twice filled the office of mayor, discharging the duties of the position in a prompt, reliable and businesslike manner. His name was connected with various movements and events which had to do with the welfare and progress of the city. Where he led others followed, for his fellow townsmen came to recognize his sound judgment and his public spirit.

Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Athaline Cook, a native of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and unto them were born three children: Henrietta, now the wife of H. G. Northey, of Waterloo, Iowa; George D.; and John W., who was born March 5, 1885, and died May 9, 1896. Mr. Patterson was a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and in his life he exemplified the beneficent principles of the craft, following at all times its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. A shadow of deep sorrow fell over the hearts of many when Edward Smith Patterson passed away, for his worth had become widely recognized and his many admirable traits of character had endeared him to those with whom he had been associated.

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### BENJAMIN F. HICKS.

Benjamin F. Hicks, operating the Hicks homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Reeve township, and owning forty acres of excellent land on section 13, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, July 5, 1878. He is a son of Peter W. and Esther Ann (Stephens) Hicks, the former a native of Canada. The parents now reside in Geneva. In their family were five children: a daughter, who died in childhood; Clarence, a resident of Geneva; John, who makes his home in Latimer; Benjamin F., of this review; and Hattie, the wife of V. W. McCart, of Geneva.

Benjamin F. Hicks came to Iowa with his parents and acquired his education in the district schools of Reeve township. Since the beginning of his active career he has managed his father's home-

stead, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 12. He owns forty acres on the adjoining section and operates both properties in an intelligent and able manner, engaging in general farming and stock-raising. On the 13th of May, 1909, he married Miss Annie May Kurtz, a native of Franklin county, and both are well known in social circles of their locality.

Mr. Hicks attends the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the republican party, and he has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving for two years as constable and being now township assessor. His place in agricultural circles of Franklin county is today a prominent one and has been won through his own industry, perseverance and good management.

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### CARL J. DUIT.

Carl J. Duit, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Franklin county, operating two hundred acres of excellent land on section 21, Grant township, was born in Germany, November 1, 1878. He is a son of John G. and Eliesa Jajjenetta (Grothaus) Duit, also natives of Germany. The father was a sailor for twenty-seven years and after abandoning a seafaring life came to America, locating about the year 1883 in Franklin county, Iowa. He turned his attention to general farming and accumulated three hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, which he still owns. He is living in retirement in Ackley and has survived his wife since March 10, 1905. To their union were born seven children: Gerald, deceased; Carl J., of this review; Anton, deceased; Tjode, who has also passed away; Anton, a resident of Franklin county; Annie, living in Ackley; and Tjode, the wife of John Ubben, of Garrison, Iowa.

Carl J. Duit came to America with his parents in 1883 and afterward remained on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, becoming familiar with the best agricultural methods through practical experience. When he left the homestead he rented one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Grant township, and this he has since increased to two hundred acres. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and being energetic, capable and enterprising, has met with a gratifying degree of success.

On the 22d of April, 1902, Mr. Duit married Miss Elizabeth Brass, a native of Grundy county, and they have become the parents

of four children: John G., who was born June 16, 1903; Aelt E., born June 8, 1905; Adeline Jaijenetta, born February 16, 1908; and Alvin William, born February 8, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Duit are members of the Lutheran church, and he is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has held a number of township offices, proving capable and public-spirited in the discharge of his duties. He is well known and highly respected in Grant township, and his success places him among the representative agriculturists of his locality.

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### DAVID MUIR.

David Muir is a retired farmer now living in Hampton. Activity and enterprise in business brought him the success which enables him to enjoy the comforts of life without further recourse to labor. He was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, April 7, 1844, a son of John and Margaret (Watt) Muir, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They came to America in 1842, settling in Wisconsin, where they remained until called to the home beyond, the father following the occupation of farming in order to provide for his family of nine children, three of whom are yet living. He died in the year 1856 and his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1875.

David Muir was the fifth in order of birth in the family. He was reared upon the old homestead farm until he reached the age of fourteen years and in 1872 he came to West Fork township, Franklin county, Iowa, then a young man of twenty-eight years. He had been educated in the public schools and had received ample training in all farm work. Following his arrival here he purchased eighty acres of land, which he still owns. He has, however, increased his holdings from time to time until his landed possessions now aggregate six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive prairie land in this county. In 1895 he retired from the farm and removed to Hampton, purchasing a fine home and five acres of land on Bridge street, where he now resides.

In 1868 Mr. Muir was united in marriage to Miss Martha Botsford, a native of Wisconsin, in which state the wedding was celebrated. To them were born four children; but David, William and John are all now deceased. The only surviving child is a daughter, Myrtle, now the wife of F. A. Proctor, living on the old home place. The wife and mother passed away on the 27th of August,

1913. Her death was sincerely mourned throughout the community. She was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, December 29, 1847, and since 1872 had lived in this county, she and her husband settling on a farm in West Fork township, where they resided for many years before taking up their abode in Hampton. Mrs. Muir was greatly respected by all who knew her. Her sunny disposition and unselfish devotion to the interests of others were always in evidence, and her life was fraught with many good deeds.

Mr. Muir is a member of the Congregational church and his, too, has been an upright, honorable life. For five years he has served on the school board, being its president for three years, taking an active and helpful part in all that pertains to the cause of education here. He is one of the pioneer settlers of the county, having lived here for forty-one years, during which time many changes have occurred, while many improvements have been wrought. He has ever borne his part in the work of general advancement and is a public-spirited, progressive citizen.

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#### ADAM MESSELHEISER.

Adam Messelheiser, occupying an enviable position in financial and business circles of Franklin county, is now president of the State Savings Bank of Hampton, a position to which he has attained through laudable ambition, ability and energy. He was born in Wisconsin in 1851, a son of John A. and Mary Messelheiser, who in the year 1868 brought their family to Iowa. The father purchased land adjoining Hampton, becoming the owner of two hundred acres, which he converted into rich and productive fields, the cultivation of the farm resulting in the acquirement of a good living for the family. Both he and his wife remained residents of this county until called to their final rest. They had a family of seven children, of whom three are now deceased.

The public schools of Wisconsin and Iowa afforded Adam Messelheiser his educational opportunities. He spent his youthful days under the parental roof and was seventeen years of age when he came with the family to Iowa, where he has since remained. He had been reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. As the years passed on he continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1902, when he put aside farm work and



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removed to Hampton, since which time he has rented his land. He built an attractive home in the city which he now occupies and is here comfortably located, largely living retired, although he has a decisive voice in the management of the bank and gives personal supervision to the control of his property. In all business affairs his judgment is sound and reliable, and his connection with the State Savings Bank has been a factor in making it the strong and reliable financial institution which it is today.

Mr. Messelheiser was married in 1877 to Miss Oillie Kugler of West Fork township, whose people were among the pioneers of Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Messelheiser had six children, but lost one. Those still living are: Cora, the wife of Fred Schmitz, a resident of Idaho; Otto, who is engaged in the abstract business and makes his home in Portland, Oregon; Winnifred, the wife of Clarence Loose, living in Washington, Iowa; A. R., who is attending school at Evanston, Illinois; and Anita, now at Iowa City College.

The parents and children are members of the Evangelical church and the influence of the family has always been on the side of right, progress, truth and reform. In politics Mr. Messelheiser is a progressive republican and keeps well informed on the issues of the day and the attitude of the leading parties in respect to vital questions. He displays little personal prejudice in his outlook over the important phases of life as affecting the material, intellectual, political and moral welfare and endeavors at all times to assist the community in ways of public betterment.

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#### J. M. BARKER.

It is fitting that after many years of active, persistent and successful effort J. M. Barker should enjoy a period of rest through the evening of life. For many years he was actively engaged in farming but is now living retired, for the fruits of his former toil are sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He has now reached the venerable age of seventy-five years, his birth having occurred in Oneida county, New York, on the 5th of May, 1838. He is a son of Miles and Melinda (Brace) Barker, the former a native of New York and the latter of Connecticut. Joab Brace, a brother of the grandfather of our subject, was a Presbyterian minister, devoting his life

to his holy calling through a half century in one church, a length of service in one pastorate which is rarely equalled in this generation. Some of his children also became identified with the work of the ministry.

Miles Barker was a cooper by trade and also a farmer, devoting his life to the dual occupation. He always continued a resident of the Empire state and there passed away May 16, 1838, when his son, J. M. Barker, was but two weeks old. His widow survived him for more than four decades and died in Illinois, December 29, 1878. In the family were four children: A. B., and Sophia, both now deceased; Martha, the widow of N. Smith, of Chicago; and J. M.

J. M. Barker, reared to the occupation of farming, decided to make it his life work and his early training and experience well qualified him for his later labors. In 1856, when eighteen years of age, he left New York and made his way to Illinois, where he followed farming until 1861. He was thereafter connected with mercantile interests in Chicago for ten years and later was upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing sewing machine supplies. In 1874 he came to Sheffield, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and in 1875 purchased one hundred and sixty more. Four years later in 1879 he moved from Chicago to Franklin, Iowa. He added to this property by additional purchases and thereafter continued to carry on general farming more or less successfully on three hundred and forty acres of land which he cultivated and improved, transforming wild land into richly productive fields.

He continued to reside upon the farm until 1896, when he built a fine residence at No. 603 Reeve street, and removed to Hampton, where he now resides. Year by year while upon the farm he carefully cultivated and cared for his crops and annually gathered good harvests of corn, wheat and other cereals. He also raised cattle and hogs. The products of the farm found a ready sale upon the market, and thus year by year he was able to add to his financial resources.

Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Smith, a native of Illinois, and unto them have been born three children: C. Maude, now deceased; Bertha B., at home; and Cariola, who is in the state library at Iowa City. They have one grandchild, Thelma B. Watt, of Sheffield. Mr. Barker gives his political allegiance to the republican party and although he does not seek nor desire office, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, and

he stands at all times in support of progressive public measures, having to do with the material, political, intellectual and moral progress of the community.

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### THOMAS PEARSE.

Thomas Pearse, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon the old Pearse homestead in Geneva township, was born in Ontario, Canada, January 8, 1859. He is a son of James and Jane (Reynolds) Pearse, natives of England, whose marriage occurred in Canada. They came to the United States in 1871 and located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they spent a year and a half. At the end of that time they moved to Franklin county and purchased land on section 7, Geneva township, the father afterward engaging in agricultural pursuits until his death. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born nine children: a daughter, who died in infancy; William, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Hannah, who died in 1874; Jeffrey, of Geneva township; Thomas, of this review; John, of Cherokee county; James, who died February 28, 1908; and George and Stephen, both of Geneva.

Thomas Pearse acquired his education in the district schools of Geneva township and in Albion Seminary, Marshall county, where he spent two terms. After he laid aside his books he turned his attention to farming, following this in the employ of others for two years. About the year 1885 he bought eighty acres of land in Geneva township and cultivated this property for a number of years. He afterward gave it in part payment for the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, and upon this latter property he now resides, giving practically all of his attention to its improvement and development. There is an excellent set of buildings upon the farm and the entire property is in good condition, for the owner is a practical and able agriculturist.

On the 2d of March, 1882, Mr. Pearse married Miss Hannah Rubee, a native of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of two children. The elder, Velma, is a graduate of the Hampton high school and attended Cornell College and is now teaching in the district schools of Franklin county. Rubee J. was graduated from Hampton high school and also from Cornell College and afterward taught in the high school in Colfax, Washington, for two years. He

is now a student in Harvard University, where he is taking a course in landscape engineering.

Mr. Pearse is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he is now serving as assessor and member of the school board. He is one of the progressive farmers of Geneva township, identified with its growth and development and well known in Franklin county as one of its public-spirited citizens.

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### GEORGE DUNN.

George Dunn, an enterprising, successful and representative young citizen of Alexander, holds the position of assistant cashier in the Alexander Savings Bank. His birth occurred in England on the 22d of August, 1885, his parents being John and Annie (Cook) Dunn, who are still living in that country. Their children are eight in number, as follows: Joseph, Sarah Ann, Harriet, Arthur John, Mary Jane, George, W. Fred and Ruth. After a visit in England, in 1906, George Dunn returned to this country with his younger brother, W. Fred, who is now employed as bookkeeper in the Alexander Savings Bank. The six other children still reside in their native land.

George Dunn crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1900, when a youth of fifteen, and making his way direct to Franklin county, Iowa, here worked as a farm laborer for several years, also attending the common schools in Scott township and spending one year in study at Hampton. Subsequently he followed the profession of teaching in this county for two years and in 1907 became bookkeeper in the Alexander Savings Bank, later being promoted to the position of assistant cashier, in which capacity he has since served and has made a creditable record. Mr. Dunn has a financial interest in the institution and also owns a well furnished and attractive home in Alexander. In association with Mr. Cook, the cashier of the Alexander Savings Bank, he writes fire insurance in some of the best companies.

In 1908 Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Messelheiser, who was born in West Fork township, Franklin county, on the 25th of April, 1884, her parents being George and Hermena (Kugler) Messelheiser. The father, a native of Wisconsin, was

successfully engaged in business at Hampton and Alexander, Iowa, for a number of years and is now a resident of California. The mother passed away in Hampton, this state, leaving an only child, Minnie. George Messelheiser was married a second time and he and his wife now reside in California. Mrs. Minnie Dunn grew to womanhood here and has always been a resident of this county. She acquired her early education in the common schools, completed a course in the Highland Park College of Des Moines and also attended the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. Subsequently she taught in the rural schools of Franklin county and likewise in Alexander. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter, as follows: Margaret Ann, born August 14, 1909; Gordon Leland, whose natal day was August 5, 1911; and Stanley Livingston, whose birth occurred on the 19th of July, 1913. All are natives of Alexander.

In politics Mr. Dunn is a staunch republican. He has served as mayor of Alexander and gave the town a businesslike, progressive and beneficial administration. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, and fraternally he is identified with the Alexander lodges of the Yeomen and the Modern Brotherhood of America and Windsor Lodge, No. 71, K. P., of Hampton.

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### DAVID BENNING.

One of Franklin county's most progressive and successful native sons is David Benning, who for a number of years has owned and operated a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 9 and 19, Osceola township. He was born in Grant township, this county, September 15, 1875, and is a son of Gottlieb and Amelia (Meinberg) Benning, natives of Germany. The father came to America about 1860 and located in Illinois, from which state he enlisted for service in the Civil war. In 1875 he moved to Franklin county, Iowa, and purchased land in Grant township, whereon he resided until his death, which occurred in 1897. His wife survives him and makes her home in Grant township. To their union were born nine children: Henry and Caroline, of Grant township; Emma, the widow of Charles Hofmeister, of Osceola township; Frederick, deceased; David, of this review; Herman and Minnie, deceased; Mary, at home; and one child who died in infancy.

David Benning was reared at home and aided in the operation of the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with the best and most practical agricultural methods. When he began his independent career he rented one hundred and twenty acres and after operating this for five years purchased the farm which he now owns. This comprises one hundred and sixty acres lying on sections 9 and 19, Osceola township, and Mr. Benning's able management has made it one of the best improved and most highly productive properties in the locality.

On the 22d of November, 1900, Mr. Benning was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Burkle and they have become the parents of six children: Bertha, born November 19, 1901; David, born July 28, 1903; Sophia, July 11, 1905; Edward, December 11, 1907; Louis, February 28, 1911; and Martha, March 19, 1913. Mr. Benning is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is a man of high character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and uprightness have always merited him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

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### LEONARD SCHINAGEL.

Leonard Schinagel, who devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits on section 21, Ross township, where he owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, is a self-made man who owes his present prosperity entirely to his well directed industry and wise management. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, on the 31st of August, 1864, his parents being John Leonard and Mary (Komm) Schinagel, who passed away in the fatherland many years ago.

Leonard Schinagel spent the first sixteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and then sailed for America, desiring to test the truth of the many favorable reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world. During the first three years of his residence in the United States he was employed in the car shops and as fireman with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Aurora, Illinois, while subsequently he worked by the month as a farm hand in Kane county. In 1888 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and during the following three years cultivated a rented tract of land on section 21, Ross township, which he then purchased and which is still in his possession. It



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD SCHINAGEL



was merely wild prairie when he first located thereon, but he has since developed and improved the property until it is now very desirable, and erected a set of substantial farm buildings. His place embraces two hundred and forty acres of valuable land and in its operation he has won a gratifying measure of success, annually harvesting excellent crops, which find a ready sale on the market.

In Kane county, Illinois, Mr. Schinagel wedded Miss Minnie Rhutassel, a native of that county, by whom he has four children. Ella, married Henry Gerfin, of Ross township, on the 1st of January, 1914, and they are farming the Tom Williams farm in that township. George, Lillie and Clarence are at home. Mr. Schinagel was reared in the Lutheran faith and will not depart therefrom but attends and contributes to the support of the Congregational church, to which his wife and children belong. He is widely recognized as a progressive and enterprising citizen, and is the owner of an automobile. Coming to the new world in early life, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and has worked his way steadily upward to a position among the substantial and representative citizens of Franklin county, where he has now resided for a quarter of a century.

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#### SAMUEL T. BLAIN.

Samuel T. Blain occupies an attractive residence in Hampton, where he has lived since retiring from active farm life. He had devoted his energies and efforts for many years previous to general agricultural pursuits, owning and cultivating almost five hundred acres of land. Mr. Blain is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Muskingum county on the 24th of April, 1853, his parents being John and Mary (McCamett) Blain, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. John Blain made farming his life work and thus provided for his family which numbered five children: Joseph, who is now living in Chapin, Iowa; William, a resident of Oregon; Samuel, of this review; John R., a resident farmer of Monroe, Wisconsin; and Martha, the wife of V. J. Ward, of Plymouth, Iowa. Both parents have now passed away, the father dying in May, 1909, after surviving his wife for twenty-one years, her death having occurred in March, 1888.

On leaving Ohio the family traveled by wagon to Wisconsin, Samuel T. Blain being then an infant. He was reared in the latter

state, early became actively interested in farming and continued to assist his father in the development and improvement of the old home place until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life independently by renting land. He came to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1880 and two years later purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, to which he added from time to time as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of four hundred and ninety-five acres in West Fork and Ingham townships. There he carried on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his business proving successful. He divided his farm into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and the place presented a neat and thrifty appearance, while good crops were annually gathered and high grades of stock were found in the pastures. In 1901 Mr. Blain retired from active farm life and purchased a fine home in Hampton, which he now occupies, it being his intention to spend his remaining days here in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 11th of March, 1880, Mr. Blain was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Eitel, a daughter of John G. and Magdalena (Fishes) Eitel, who were natives of Germany and in 1848 came to America. They settled in Wisconsin in 1852 and there both passed away. In their family were seven children: Louis, of Palacios, Texas; Mary, deceased; Robert, who is living in Marshall, Minnesota; Mrs. Blain; Lena, the widow of B. W. White, of Hampton; John, also living in Hampton; and Edward, who makes his home in Hawkeye, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Blain have one child, Pearl Gertrude, who is the wife of Frank Foughty, of Hampton, and they have two children, Genevieve Opal and Blaine Blain. In his political views Mr. Blain is a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, but he has always preferred the quiet of home and business life to great activity in other fields. Many sterling traits of character have gained him high regard and made him widely known.

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#### JOHN W. ATZBAUGH.

Among the successful farmers of Franklin county is numbered John W. Atzbaugh, who since 1894 has owned and operated a fine property of one hundred and forty acres on section 13, Lee township. He was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, October 24, 1858, and is a son of John and Mary (Mondic) Atzbaugh, the former a native

of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany. They came to Iowa in 1869, and both passed away in this state, the former dying in 1889. In their family were four children: Mary, the wife of H. Grice; John W., of this review; and Christina and Daniel, deceased.

John W. Atzbaugh acquired his education in the public schools of Hardin county, and when he began his independent career at the age of nineteen turned his attention to farming. After a few years he secured employment in a machine shop in Ackley and at the end of one year became connected with a repair shop in Bradford. In 1894 he purchased one hundred and forty acres of land on section 13, Lee township, and he now has this farm in a high state of cultivation, equipped with substantial buildings and modern machinery. In addition to general farming interests he pays some attention to stock-raising and has met with excellent success in this line.

On the 16th of April, 1881, Mr. Atzbaugh married Miss Mary Ritchmeier, and they have become the parents of six children: Rosa, the wife of Mike Smith of Rockford, Illinois; Clara, at home; Frank, of Hampton; Mary, at home; William, a resident of Hampton; and Lilly, at home. Mr. Atzbaugh is a member of the Masonic order and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. In his business dealings he has ever been straightforward and reliable, enjoying in the fullest degree, the confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

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### WALTER H. HOXIE.

Walter H. Hoxie is one of the extensive landowners of Franklin county, making his home in Hampton. His possessions aggregate sixteen hundred acres, and all has been acquired through his own persistent, energetic and intelligently directed efforts, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He is now one of the venerable citizens of this part of the state, having passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey, and he receives from young and old, rich and poor, the respect and warm regard which should be tendered one of his years whose life has been well spent. He was born in New York, November 3, 1831, a son of Zebulon and Anna (Gardner) Hoxie. The greater part of his minority was spent in the east and in 1853, attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he came to Iowa, settling in Butler county, where he entered land. For ten years he continued in that county and in

1864 came to Franklin county, where he has now made his home for about a half century. He began buying land and from time to time added to his possessions until his realty holdings now include sixteen hundred acres. His home farm was situated ten miles from Hampton, and thereon he engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also paid considerable attention to stock-raising, both branches of his business proving profitable. He remained upon the farm for six years and in 1870 removed to Hampton, where he built a fine home, which he has since occupied. From this point he has superintended his investments and his property interests, although in recent years his business affairs have largely been turned over to the care of his son, William.

Mr. Hoxie was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Babcock, a native of Stephenson county, Illinois, and to them have been born ten children: Dwight, a practicing physician, of North Dakota; Frank, who is living in Ogallala, Nebraska; Edith and William at home; Arthur, deceased; Fred, who is a traveling salesman; Anna, the wife of J. Y. Luke, an attorney at Ames, Iowa; George; Lua, the wife of H. J. Rice, an electrical engineer of Mobridge, South Dakota; and Bess, who is the wife of I. B. Robinson, a banker of Pasadena, California.

No history of this county would be complete without reference to Mr. Hoxie, who has so long resided within its borders and been so actively connected with its farming interests. In matters of citizenship, too, his name stands for progress and improvement. He has long given his political allegiance to the democratic party and he has filled the office of county supervisor. Fraternally he is a Mason and in his life has exemplified many of the sterling principles of the craft. He bears an enviable record in business circles and wherever he has gone he has made friends, so that the history of his life will be gladly received by the readers of this volume.

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#### ERNEST S. MANATT, D. O.

Ernest S. Manatt, the pioneer osteopathic physician of Franklin county, now practicing in Hampton, was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on the 26th of September, 1878: He represents one of the old families of the state. His father, James Manatt, was for a half century a resident of Poweshiek county ere death called him to the home beyond. He was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in



DR. ERNEST S. MANATT



February, 1827, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manatt, both of Irish descent. Robert Manatt was born in County Down, Ireland, and in 1812 became a resident of Pennsylvania. Some years afterward he removed with his family to Holmes county, Ohio, where his wife died. Later he brought his children to Iowa, living for a time in Washington county and afterward in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, where he passed away in 1863. James Manatt attended district schools of Ohio and Iowa and at twenty years of age was married and began farming. In time he became one of the most extensive landowners of the county. In 1880 he removed to Brooklyn, where he passed away in February, 1911. He was twice married. He first wedded Livina Snook of Warren township, Poweshiek county, and they had six children. For his second wife he chose Miss Cornelia Squires, a daughter of Sumner L. and Parizode (Payne) Squires. The latter was a descendant of Sir Simon Fiske, and belonged to one of the oldest and best known cultured families of Vermont. Mrs. Squires was born in Highgate, Vermont, and was a liberally educated woman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Squires engaged in teaching in the east in early life. In 1855 they became residents of Poweshiek county, Iowa, and for thirty years remained upon the old homestead, but spent their last days in Brooklyn, the father dying in February, 1892, and the mother in April, 1904. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Manatt were born four children: Earl L., who became a physician of Newcastle, Indiana, was born in 1877 and died in April, 1907; Ernest S., is the next of the family. Rex Irving is living in Hampton, and Horace J. T. was accidentally killed at play in 1898.

Dr. Ernest S. Manatt spent his youthful days under the parental roof, and as he approached manhood he became interested in the science and practice of osteopathy which he determined to make his life work. Accordingly he supplemented his public-school education by a course in the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated on the 31st of January, 1901. In the following March he came to Franklin county and has since been located in Hampton, being the oldest osteopathic practitioner of the county. He has been quite successful, his ability being attested by those who have come under his professional care.

Dr. Manatt was united in marriage to Miss Maude Kratchovil, a native of this county, and unto them has been born a son, Earl, now three and a half years of age. In politics Dr. Manatt is a republican but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private professional interests, with

leisure for the enjoyment of home and social pleasures. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church, of which he is a consistent member.

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### EDMUND SLEE.

Edmund Slee occupies a commodious, beautiful and attractive home on Franklin street in Hampton, where he has lived since retiring from active business life. Industry, perseverance and energy have been the salient features in his life record and have brought to him the measure of prosperity which enables him to live retired. He was born in England, July 4, 1828, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Foster) Slee, who were natives of the same country and have long since passed away. In their family were thirteen children. This number included Elizabeth, now deceased; Edmund; Robert, who died in Hampton February 7, 1912; Hislop, still living in England; and William deceased.

Edmund Slee spent his youthful days in his native land and at the age of fifteen years took up the active work of the farm. He was a young man of twenty-three years when in 1851 he became a resident of Wisconsin, having determined to try his fortune in the new world, of the advantages and opportunities of which he had heard much. For two years he lived in the Badger state and then went to California, hoping to benefit by the discovery of gold on the coast. For eight years he engaged in mining and then returned to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1864. In that year he drove an ox team from Wisconsin to Montana, thence to British Columbia and afterward returned to Montana, where he remained for fourteen years engaged in farming. In 1880 he arrived in Iowa, settling on a farm in Franklin township. For a considerable period he was identified with general agricultural pursuits here but in the evening of life disposed of all of his farm land and purchased a fine home on Franklin street, which he now occupies. His extensive travels over the west brought him wide experience and broad and interesting knowledge concerning the country, and he relates many pleasing anecdotes of his travels.

Mr. Slee was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Graham, now deceased. They were the parents of seven children: Margaret, the wife of James Sheets, of Franklin county; Alvinza, the wife of C.

Koch, of Marion township; Robert Foster, also living in this county; William Albert, deceased; Ida, the wife of Fred Nancolas, formerly of Reeve township, now of Hampton; and Ella and Hannah, both at home. For his second wife Mr. Slee chose Miss Jane Robinson, and they became the parents of four children: Mary, Elizabeth, Belle and Clarrie, all at home.

A republican in politics, Mr. Slee filled the office of township trustee but has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his public service as a private citizen. In religious belief he is a Methodist, and his life has been guided by the teachings of the church, making him an upright, honorable man, whom to know is to respect.

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### LEONARD HICKMAN.

Leonard Hickman, who since 1905 has been serving in a creditable and able manner as overseer of the Franklin County Farm, was born in Germany, December 25, 1854. He is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Hickman) Hickman, also natives of Germany, where their deaths occurred. In their family were seven children: Adam, Fred, Jacob and William, all of whom reside in Germany; Peter, of New York city; John, of Germany; and Leonard, of this review.

Leonard Hickman remained in his native country until he was fourteen years of age and then crossed the Atlantic, settling in Ottawa, LaSalle county, Illinois. He there engaged in farming, living upon one property for six years and upon another for three. At the end of that time he moved to Galena, Illinois, where he attended the normal school, after which he established himself in the butcher business. He followed this occupation for fifteen years thereafter and then removed to the vicinity of Storm Lake, Iowa, where he purchased a farm. At the end of two years he returned to Galena, Illinois, and there remained for two years, after which he came again to Iowa, settling in Hampton. On the 1st of March, 1905, he was appointed overseer of the Franklin County Farm of two hundred and twenty acres, and he has since creditably filled this position. He has charge of the nine inmates and with their assistance engages in general farming and stock-raising, keeping cattle and hogs. He discharges his duties conscientiously and promptly and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In January, 1878, Mr. Hickman was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Verron, and they have become the parents of three children:

Helen, the wife of O. F. Myers, of Hampton; William, of Geneva; and Harry, bookkeeper for the Western Newspaper Union at Des Moines.

Mr. Hickman is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political support to the republican party and is now trustee of Geneva township. He is a progressive and successful business man and holds the favorable regard of all who know him.

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### MILF MEYER.

Milf Meyer, one of the extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of Franklin county, owning and operating three hundred acres on section 9, Grant township, was born in Germany, September 17, 1867. He is a son of Lambert and Angie (Rabenburg) Meyer, also natives of the fatherland. They came to America in 1881 and located in Grundy county, Iowa, where the father died March 20, 1889, and where the mother still resides. To their union were born four children: Milf, of this review; Tonjes, a resident of Grundy county; Heska, the widow of August Steinmeyer, of Grundy county; and Wort, of Grundy county.

Milf Meyer came to America with his parents in 1881 and aided in the operation of the homestead during his father's lifetime. After the father's death he assumed charge of its operation, conducting it until 1897, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the property. This he developed and improved along progressive and modern lines until 1912, when he moved to Franklin county, buying three hundred acres on section 9, Grant township. He here engages in general farming and stock-raising and has met with that success which always follows persistent and intelligently directed labor.

Mr. Meyer has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Lena Kramer, who died January 1, 1902, leaving five children, Annie, Harm, Lambert, Fannie and Milf, Jr. On the 8th of February, 1905, Mr. Meyer was again married, his second union being with Miss Minnie Kromminga, a native of Germany. To this union have been born four children: Tonjes; Minnie, deceased; Heska; and Amos. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are members of the Lutheran church, and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, serving at the present time as school director. Well known in Franklin

county by reason of the extent of his interests here, he is accounted one of the active workers and progressive farmers of Grant township, and he has the unqualified confidence and esteem of the entire community.

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### GEORGE BOOTH.

Hampton has many retired farmers, for the rich prairie land of Iowa offers splendid opportunities to the enterprising, persistent and industrious agriculturist. The man who has those qualities has every reason to believe that his labors will be crowned with success, for the alluvial soil yields excellent returns and the farmer whose efforts are intelligently directed may always hope to have a period of rest in his later years, in which to enjoy the fruits of his former toil. Such has been the record of George Booth, now a well known resident of Hampton, who was born in England March 11, 1850, a son of William and Sarah (Ines) Booth, both of whom were natives of England, where their entire lives were passed. They had a family of seven children: Lucy, still living in England; George; Anna, Elizabeth, John and Polly, all residents of England; and Fannie, who was a twin sister of John and is now deceased.

George Booth spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country and acquired his education there in the public schools. In 1871 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world with Lafayette county, Wisconsin, as his destination and there he engaged in farming, remaining in that state for twelve years. In 1883 he came to Iowa and purchased a quarter section of land in Franklin county, to which he afterward added one hundred and twenty acres. He still owns an excellent farm in Hamilton township but in 1908 retired to Hampton, where he has recently erected a modern residence—a two-story house at the corner of Franklin and Ninth streets. While upon the farm his work was most carefully managed and his fields showed the result of intelligent cultivation and of unfaltering enterprise. His land was divided by well kept fences, substantial barns and out-buildings sheltered good grades of stock and improved modern machinery facilitated the work of the fields.

Mr. Booth was married in 1879 to Miss Sarah Huntington, a native of England and to them were born four children: Jennie, who is now the wife of Edward Simmons, a resident farmer of Hamilton township, occupying the old homestead; Freddy, who died at the

age of one year; Guy, who is living on his father's farm of a quarter section; and Lester, deceased. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, and Mr. Booth gives his political support to the republican party. He has served as school director but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business interests which, capably managed, have brought to him substantial returns. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has gained a place among the substantial citizens of the community. He has many attractive social qualities which have gained him warm friends, and he deserves to be ranked among the representative citizens of the community.

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### JOHN INGEBRETSON.

On the roll of Franklin county's honored dead appears the name of John Ingebretson, who from 1878 until his death in 1901 was closely and honorably connected with agricultural interests here, becoming during that time an extensive landowner and a representative farmer. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, February 18, 1854, and is a son of Ingebret and Annie Ingebretson, natives of Norway. The parents came to the United States in the early '50s and settled in Cook county, Illinois, where the father died and left the mother with her children. She afterward removed to Lafayette county, Wisconsin, where she passed away.

John Ingebretson spent his boyhood in Wisconsin, acquiring a public-school education. In 1878 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and entered the employ of D. W. Mott, for whom he worked until his marriage in 1880. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild prairie land on section 5, Richland township, and began the work of improving this property, carrying it forward with characteristic energy for many years. He provided the place with a good residence, substantial barns and out-buildings and labor-saving machinery and made it a valuable and productive property, giving evidence everywhere of the care and supervision of a practical and progressive agriculturist. From time to time he made additions to the property and at his death was an extensive landholder owning five hundred and sixty acres. At all times he kept





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in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists of the community, and his labors therefore brought him substantial returns.

On the 19th of February, 1880, Mr. Ingebretson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hanson, who was born in Gratiot, Wisconsin, March 27, 1862, a daughter of Martin and Bertha Hanson, natives of Norway, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ingebretson became the parents of eight children: Julia M., who lives at home; Alfred S., who is married and is operating part of the family home-  
stead; Melvin, at home; Bessie M., who is engaged in teaching; Clara H. and Orville H., at home; and two children, who died in infancy. Since her husband's death Mrs. Ingebretson has had charge of the homestead and has added to it extensively, her holdings now comprising twelve hundred and eighty-eight acres, one of the largest and most valuable farms in the township. She and her children operate this property, and they have become widely and favorably known in agricultural circles.

Mr. Ingebretson was a devout member of the Lutheran church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party, being at all times active in the support of movements for the general good. When called to his final rest in 1901 he left a record that is well worthy of emulation.

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#### J. V. BLACKFORD.

J. V. Blackford, engaging successfully in stock-raising, dairying and general farming upon two hundred and seventy acres of land in Ingham township, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, December 1, 1862. He is a son of William and Jemima (Dennis) Blackford, natives of Pennsylvania, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of three children: J. V., of this review; Major, of Green county, Wisconsin; and Letty, the wife of S. C. Atwood, of St. Helena, California.

J. V. Blackford began his independent career as a school-teacher, engaging in this occupation from the time he was eighteen until he was twenty-three. In 1886 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and here turned his attention to farming, operating rented land for six years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and thirty acres in Ingham township, to which he has since added until he owns two hundred and seventy acres. Sixty and one-half acres lie inside the city limits of Hampton, and this tract Mr. Blackford operates

as a dairy farm, keeping twenty-five milch cows. His stock-raising interests are extensive and important and his herds contain some very valuable animals including a yearling Holstein bull, King Korn-dike Pontiac Segis, bred in New York and worth three hundred dollars, and four Holsteins, bred in Massachusetts and worth three hundred dollars apiece as yearlings. Mr. Blackford follows always the most progressive and practical methods in the conduct of his interests and has been very successful, standing today among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of his locality.

On the 25th of March, 1885, Mr. Blackford was united in marriage to Miss Temperance McCammant, and to this union were born two children: Maude, the wife of H. A. Missildine; and Hugh, at home. Mr. Blackford is a member of the Christian church and is independent in his political views, serving at the present time as township clerk. He is a progressive and wide-awake agriculturist, and his industry and enterprise have not only enabled him to attain prosperity but have won him a high place in the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

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#### CHARLES JAMES ALLEN, M. D.

Dr. Charles James Allen, one of the leading and successful physicians and surgeons of Sheffield, has practiced his profession here for more than a quarter of a century and during the early years underwent all the harrowing experiences and hardships which beset the doctor in a pioneer community. His birth occurred in Youngstown, Niagara county, New York, on the 16th of June, 1856, his parents being George W. and Lucina (Hayward) Allen, natives of New York. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, passed away in the Empire state in 1874, when fifty-seven years of age, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1900, dying in New York at the age of seventy-three.

Charles J. Allen spent his boyhood on a farm in his native county and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education, while later he pursued his studies in Union Academy at Lockport, New York. Subsequently he studied medicine for three years under the direction of Dr. W. J. Falkner of Youngstown, New York, and on the 27th of September, 1884, entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated on the 17th of February, 1887. He then came directly to Sheffield,

Iowa, and this place has remained the scene of his professional labors throughout the intervening twenty-six years. His were the experiences of a pioneer physician in a sparsely settled and undeveloped district. He frequently spent his last dollar for a bottle of medicine and drove through the country for a number of miles without any assurance that his patient would be able to reimburse him. Dr. Allen always kept a good horse and during the first two years of his residence here made his calls in a road cart, while later he was enabled to purchase a buggy. The roads were bad and the country was very marshy, so that he was subjected to much risk and danger when driving on a dark night. As the years have gone by, however, the district has become thickly settled by a prosperous, contented people, and he has enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice, which has been accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability in the field of his chosen calling. He keeps in touch with the progress of the profession through his membership in the Franklin County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society and is a stockholder in the Sheffield Brick & Tile Company, the largest concern in the county.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Dr. Allen chose Mrs. Emma Harrington, nee Sheldon, who is a native of Dubuque county and by whom he has one son, Roy. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party for many years but recently joined the ranks of the democracy. He served as a member of the city council for two years, but the demands made upon him in a professional capacity have been so great that he has not entered actively into politics. Dr. Allen is well and favorably known among the members of the medical fraternity in Franklin county and in his practice has ever conformed to the highest professional ethics.

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#### ARCHIE B. ATKINSON.

Archie B. Atkinson is carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred acres of land in Mott township, constituting a portion of the farm upon which he was born November 21, 1870. He is a son of J. A. Atkinson, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. The subject of this review remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then rented eighty acres of land, upon which he carried on general farming until 1913.

In that year he moved upon one hundred acres of the old homestead and has since operated this property, engaging in general farming. He has been very successful and has today a valuable and productive farm worthy of comparison with the finest in this locality.

On the 27th of January, 1892, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Doidge, of Illinois, a daughter of Thomas and Carrie (Jolly) Doidge, natives of England. The parents came to Iowa in 1887 and the father farmed in this state until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have become the parents of five children: Annie, who was born December 16, 1892; Eva, born November 12, 1895; Maude, born April 27, 1898; Lottie, May 21, 1901; and Joseph, March 7, 1903.

The parents attend the Methodist church and the children are members of the Sunday school. Mr. Atkinson is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order. He supports the republican party and has been a member of the school board and is now assessor of Mott township. His life has been such as to merit the respect of his fellowmen, and by his honesty, uprightness and industry he has contributed much toward the up-building of the community, of which he is a representative citizen.

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### CHARLES W. RAISCH.

Charles W. Raisch, who since 1896 has lived upon his present farm of eighty acres on section 27, Osceola township, successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Germany, September 14, 1863. He is a son of Gotlieb W. and Louisa Fredericka (Hess) Raisch, natives of Germany. They came to Ackley in July, 1880, and the father died there April 27, 1902, his wife surviving him until December, 1907. To their union were born nine children: Fredericka L., the wife of Philip Paulus, of Buffalo, New York; Gotlieb F., of Reeve township; Charles W., of this review; Sophie L., who married Ely Behrens, of Waverly, Iowa; Christian F., of Hardin county; Gothilf H., of Dumont; Amelia, who married Christian Walton, of Oakland, California; Bertha L., the wife of Eugene Friz, of Oakland, California; and, Henry, deceased.

Charles W. Raisch came to America with his parents in 1880 and remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age. He then began farming independently and in 1896 made his first purchase

of land, buying the eighty acres on section 27, Osceola township, upon which he still resides. This property he has improved with substantial buildings, including a modern silo, and he has installed excellent equipment, making the place valuable and productive in the highest degree. He is a stock-raiser on an extensive scale and makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs and Holstein cattle.

Mr. Raisch married Miss Lenna Adell Whitney, who was born in Illinois, September 9, 1864, and who came to Franklin county in her infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Raisch have adopted two children: Frederick Arthur, aged twenty-one; and Mary Effie, aged thirteen. Mr. Raisch is a member of the Presbyterian church and connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to various positions of trust and responsibility, including the office of township assessor, which he has held for the past fourteen years. He has made a most commendable official record and enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### HOWARD C. LIGGETT.

Howard C. Liggett, who for seven years has filled the office of city attorney at Hampton and for four years was county attorney, is recognized as a strong, able and resourceful lawyer, capable of solving the intricate, involved and litigated problems which are continually growing more and more complex as the interests and activities of life increase. It is a well known fact that he carefully prepares his cases, preparing not only for the expected but also for the unexpected which happens quite as frequently in the courts as out of them. Mr. Liggett is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Cumberland county on the 16th of April, 1862, his parents being Thomas and Sarah (Lehman) Liggett, also natives of the Keystone state, in which they spent their entire lives. They had a family of four children, of whom two are now deceased, the surviving sister of our subject being Lizzie, the wife of William Wood, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Howard C. Liggett acquired his early education in the schools of his native state and remained a resident of Pennsylvania until eighteen years of age, when, thinking to find better business opportunities elsewhere, he left for the middle west, going to Illinois. There

he was employed at farm labor and also taught school for a time. With the proceeds he paid his tuition in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, in which he completed the teacher's course. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar and with this end in view he entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City and was graduated with the law class of 1886. He next went to western Kansas with the intention of practicing, making his way to Johnson county. There was a contest on over the county seat. Mr. Liggett took sides with the people against Johnson City and inaugurated a joint debate in which he took active part. The result was that the cowboys were bought off to steal the ballot boxes and his town accordingly lost out. After a brief period spent in Kansas, Mr. Liggett returned to Iowa and since May, 1888, has been continuously engaged in active practice in Hampton, where he has now resided for more than a quarter of a century.

His ability is widely recognized, his mind is naturally analytical, and his clear reasoning and strength of argument make him one of the successful members of the bar. Mr. Liggett's ability naturally suggests him for public office in the line of his profession, and for four years he filled the position of county attorney, while for seven years he has been city attorney.

Mr. Liggett was united in marriage to Miss Anna Harrison, a native of Illinois, and unto them have been born two children: Ruel Harrison Liggett and James Alexander Liggett. Mrs. Liggett's father was an own cousin of William Henry Harrison, the hero of the battle of Tippecanoe and later president of the United States. Mr. Liggett votes with the democratic party and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. During the period of his residence in this county he has gained a wide acquaintance and won many friends. He is an able speaker, is a pleasant, genial, social gentleman, and as the years go on he is more and more highly regarded by those with whom he is associated.

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### GEORGE D. PATTERSON.

George D. Patterson is one of the alert, energetic and wide-awake business men and merchants of Hampton and Franklin county, and his name is also well known in financial circles. Thoroughness characterizes everything that he undertakes, and he possesses suffi-



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cient courage to venture where favoring opportunity leads the way, so that his determination and even paced energy have carried him into important relations.

Mr. Patterson was born in this county, March 4, 1881. He attended the public schools of Hampton and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1900. He later became a student in the Cedar Rapids Business College, where he completed a course in 1902. He afterward joined his father in business and after thorough training was admitted to partnership in 1907. He now greatly appreciates the discipline and training to which his father subjected him in his youth. He taught him first the necessity of having a thoroughly clean and attractive establishment and on his entry into the store the son was given charge of that part of the business. His next training was in the direction of courtesy to patrons, and he was instructed to engage in conversation with waiting customers until a salesman could reach them. It was a proud day for him when he was permitted to sell goods over the counter, and when he had learned to do that successfully he was initiated into the work of buying, in which his father first superintended his efforts, giving him points on dealing with salesmen and impressing upon him the necessity of understanding different textiles and the manufacture of cloth. His father bought him books of instruction along that line and had him visit the mills in person. Having made a deep study of the question of manufacturing, he next directed his efforts to the broadening of trade in connection with his father's establishment, and again good results attended his labors, so that in 1907, feeling that his son was now thoroughly qualified for the responsibilities of managing the store, the father admitted George D. Patterson to a partnership, and since his father's death he has been active manager of the business, which is today the most important mercantile enterprise of the city. A large and carefully selected line of goods is carried, and the utmost attention is paid to the personnel of the house and to the treatment of patrons.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Patterson is connected with banking institutions, being a director of the Franklin County State Bank and three other banks in the county.

On the 16th of September, 1908, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Snyder, and unto them were born two daughters: Florence Irene, born July 1, 1909; and Georgia, born July 25, 1913. In politics Mr. Patterson is a republican and has been a member of the city council. He never neglects the duties of citizenship and at all times is ready to cooperate in any movement

for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with Anchor Lodge, No. 191, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; and with Anchor Chapter No. 69, R. A. M., in which he is now king. He belongs to the Congregational church and at all times has been actively and helpfully interested in the intellectual and moral, as well as the material and political growth of the community.

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### ISAIAH WAGNER.

Isaiah Wagner, one of the most respected and valued residents of Osceola township, has made his home in Franklin county since 1867. This has covered the period of the county's greatest growth and progress and in the work of general development he has borne his full share as the years have gone by. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 9, Osceola township, and operates also one hundred and eighty acres belonging to his wife. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, December 11, 1839, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoover) Wagner, natives of Maryland. The father engaged in farming during his entire active life and died in Ogle county. His wife passed away in Franklin county, this state. To their union were born eleven children: Jonathan, Joseph, Snavely and Caroline, deceased; Sarah, the widow of John Donaldson, of Rockford, Illinois; Horatio, of Leaf River, Illinois; Ahymus and Rosella, deceased; Henry, of Alden, Iowa; Isaiah, of this review; and Elizabeth, the wife of Theodore Thomas, of Geneva.

Isaiah Wagner was reared in Ogle county, Illinois, acquiring his education in the public schools. On the 7th of September, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years in the Civil war. He received a severe wound during the battle of Shiloh, being shot through the thigh. Following his discharge he returned to Illinois and in 1867 came to Iowa, settling in Franklin county, where he has since resided. For a period of forty-seven years he has been closely connected with agricultural interests here and is today one of the prosperous and representative farmers of his locality. He owns the farm upon which he located in 1867 and operates this in conjunction with one hundred and eighty acres which belong to his wife. The place is well improved, being provided with substantial buildings and excellent machinery.

On the 25th of December, 1866, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Jacobs, a daughter of Enos and Rachel (Barnes) Jacobs, natives of Maryland. The father died in Illinois and the mother in Franklin county, Iowa. In their family were eleven children: Francis T., deceased; Angeline, the wife of H. Hibarger, of Wichita, Kansas; Josephus, of South Dakota; Sarah E., wife of the subject of this review; Margaret Ann, who married D. Geeting, of South Dakota; Mary Jane, the wife of H. Baker, of Washington; Barbara Ellen, who married M. Myers, of Beaman, Iowa; Fonetius, residing in Illinois; Emma, who died in childhood; Martha, formerly the widow of William Piper, but now the wife of Andrew Dame, of South Dakota; and John, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner nine children were born: Hattie May, the wife of J. B. Huff, of North Dakota; Enos, deceased; George E., of Faulkner, Iowa; Bessie, the wife of Guy French, of Faulkner; John H. and Hezekiah, residents of Faulkner; Franklin, of Wisconsin; Wava Grace, at home; and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. Wagner attends the Methodist church, is connected fraternally with the Grand Army of the Republic and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. At the age of seventy-four he is still active in the world's work and seems yet in his prime in spirit and interests. He has ever been a busy man and his active and useful life has won him the confidence and good-will of his fellowmen by reason of the honorable and straightforward policy which he has ever followed.

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### JOHN S. ALLINSON.

Since 1882 John S. Allinson has been identified with agricultural interests of Franklin county as the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 4, Reeve township. He was born in Wisconsin, August 14, 1847, and is a son of Robert and Martha (Coatsworth) Allinson, natives of England. The parents came to America in 1830 and located immediately in Wisconsin, whence they moved to Illinois, where they resided until their deaths. To their union were born eight children: Margaret, the widow of Robert Robson, of Spokane, Washington; Mary and Hannah, deceased; Robert C., who died in the Union army during the Civil war; Thomas R., of Lena, Illinois; John S., of this review; Joseph, a resident of Montana; and James, of Cripple Creek, Colorado.

John S. Allinson began his independent career at the age of twenty-three, teaching school during the winters and farming in the summer months. In 1882 he came to Franklin county and bought two hundred acres of land on section 4, Reeve township, upon which he has since resided. The years have brought him an enviable degree of success, and his farm is today one of the best improved in the township, equipped with substantial barns and outbuildings and supplied with all the necessary machinery. Mr. Allinson owns in addition a section of land in North Dakota.

On the 24th of December, 1874, Mr. Allinson married Miss Mary Jane Walton, a native of Lafayette county, Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of six children: Cora, the wife of Howard Paul, of North Dakota; Mary and Martha, at home; William R., a resident of North Dakota; Charles, of Wyoming; and Nellie, at home.

Mr. Allinson is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, taking an intelligent interest in community affairs without being active as an office seeker. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship, however, and his influence has been a tangible force for good in the community.

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#### CLAUDE F. ROEMER.

One of the important commercial enterprises of Hampton is the implement and automobile business conducted by Roemer & Gibson. Claude F. Roemer, the senior partner is a wide-awake and progressive man who readily recognizes and utilizes opportunities and by his business activity contributes to the material upbuilding of the city in which he makes his home. He was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, February 27, 1871, a son of Conrad and Catherine (Humbert) Roemer. The father was a native of Germany, born in 1832, and at the age of twenty years he came to America, landing in New York in 1852. It was subsequent to that time that he met and married Catherine Humbert, a native of the Empire state. In 1857 they removed westward to Cedar Falls and Mr. Roemer, who was a carpenter, there followed his trade, becoming identified with building operations in that locality. He died in Hampton on the 25th of July, 1898, while his wife survived almost fifteen years, passing away on the 12th of March, 1913. In their family were eleven children: William,



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who died in infancy; Amelia, the wife of E. C. Keefer of Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Charles C., whose home is in Mahon, Missouri; Lydia, who became the wife of George Kuyler of Franklin county and died in 1893; George, a farmer now living in Hampton; Julia, the wife of F. D. Smith, a banker of Latimer, Iowa; Edward A., who resides in Creighton, Nebraska; Christina, deceased; Claude F.; Daniel R., a farmer of Hampton; and Harvey, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Manson, Iowa.

Claude F. Roemer attended the district schools and starting out in life for himself at the age of twenty years, came to Hampton, where he established an implement and pump business. The enterprise was successful from the beginning and the trade has steadily grown so that he is now accorded a liberal patronage that brings a good financial return. He built a fine building with concrete sides and pressed brick front, forty by one hundred and four feet, and three stories in height. In 1912 Mr. Roemer took in Mr. Gibson as a partner and the business is conducted under the name of Roemer & Gibson. The firm is now handling a large line of automobiles, including the Maxwell, the Marion, the Auburn and the Chalmers cars and in addition handles the McCormick Harvesters, the John Deere farm machinery and buggies and vehicles. The firm also owns valuable property including two hundred and eighty-four acres of land near Hampton and one hundred and sixty acres in Minnesota.

On the 8th of November, 1899, Mr. Roemer was united in marriage to Miss Hester Crawford of this county. Five children have been born of this marriage: Louis and Louise, born September 9, 1900; Hugh, who was born January 3, 1905, and died September 5, 1911; Claude F., born April 4, 1910; and Gretchen, born July 20, 1912.

At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Roemer enlisted. He was a member of the State National Guards and with his regiment left Des Moines on the 26th of April, 1898. The troops proceeded to the camp at Chickamauga, but were never called into action. Mr. Roemer returned with the rank of sergeant. Politically he is a republican, well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as a member of the town council and as school director. He belongs to the Methodist church, in the work of which he takes an active interest, serving at the present time as superintendent of the Sunday school. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. At a recent convention held at Des Moines, Mr. Roemer was elected

president of the Iowa Implement Dealers Association. He is known as a public-spirited man, ever ready to promote public progress in any possible way. In business, too, he has made continuous advancement and is now one of the substantial and prosperous merchants of his adopted city.

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### JAMES W. BOOTS.

One of the fine homes on Bridge street in Hampton is that occupied by James W. Boots, a retired farmer, who for many years has been actively identified with agricultural interests in Franklin county, where he still owns a valuable and productive farm of four hundred and ten acres, on which he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, especially the breeding of fine horses. He was born in Delaware county, Indiana, March 19, 1851, and is a son of Martin and Rebecca (Jones) Boots, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of West Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1855 came to Iowa, settling in Franklin county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. His wife died upon the home farm June 1, 1892, after which Mr. Boots established his home in Geneva, where he died in 1906. In their family were eight children: Rhoda, deceased; William, a retired farmer living in Hampton; Martha Jane, the wife of Miles Birkett, of Luverne, Minnesota; James W.; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Simon Long, of Luverne, Minnesota; John M., living in Dumont, Iowa; Malena, the wife of James Burlingame, of Luverne; and Simeon J., a retired farmer residing in Hampton.

James W. Boots was but four years of age when brought to Iowa by his parents, where he spent his youthful days. He is indebted to the public school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority and then started out in life for himself, choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He now has four hundred and ten acres in Franklin county and also an attractive residence on Bridge street in Hampton. His land is naturally rich and productive, and his farm is one of the well developed properties of the district, producing splendid crops of corn and other cereals. Mr. Boots takes great interest in blooded horses and has an imported registered coach, Constant, ten years old. He also has an interest in a Chelperie percheron. He makes a specialty of breed-

ing and raising fine horses and is regarded as one of the leading stockmen of the county. His business has assumed large proportions, and his financial returns make him one of the substantial citizens of this part of the state.

On the 14th of April, 1887, Mr. Boots was united in marriage to Miss Helen Lower and they became the parents of three children: Vivian Mozelle, a teacher in the public schools, living at home; Mildred Clare, who died in childhood; and James Milford, a high-school pupil.

Politically Mr. Boots is a republican, well informed on the questions and issues of the day and thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has been township trustee for twenty years and has capably filled other township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Practically a life-long resident of this county, he possesses the spirit of enterprise and progress characteristic of the middle west and throughout his entire life has brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort, and thus it is that he has worked his way steadily upward to success.

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#### A. W. BEED.

A. W. Beed not only occupies a prominent position in financial circles as president of the Franklin County State Bank, but also has the distinction of being the first boy born in Hampton. His natal day was November 11, 1858, his parents being George and Marinda (Dennan) Beed, who came to this county in the year 1856, settling on a farm near Hampton. Their remaining days were spent in this county, and with the pioneer development the father was actively identified. The son was reared upon the frontier with the usual experiences and environments of pioneer life. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he has learned life's lessons well. He was eighteen years of age when he entered the Citizens' Bank, of which his father had been president for a number of years. After a period of identification with the bank in which he was thoroughly mastering the business, he removed to Florida, where he remained for a few years, but in 1902 returned to Hampton and has since been an active factor in the management and control of the bank of which he is now the president. The institution has made an

excellent showing and is one of the strong financial concerns of this part of the state.

In 1881 Mr. Beed was united in marriage to Miss Alveretta J. Osborne, who was born in Wisconsin, but for some years prior to her marriage lived in Franklin county, Iowa. They have become the parents of three children: Gail, Edith and George. Theirs is a hospitable home whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Beed belongs to the Masonic lodge and chapter and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political support is given to the republican party, and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, although he does not seek nor desire office. Through the long period of his residence in this county he has become widely and favorably known. He has been an interested witness of all the changes which have occurred as the work of development and improvement has been carried forward and has been a cooperant factor in many movements which have worked for civic betterment and municipal advancement.

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### FRANKLIN COUNTY STATE BANK.

The Franklin County State Bank is one of the oldest of the financial institutions of Hampton and this part of the state. It was organized in 1872 as a private bank by the firm of Latimer and Kellam. It was twenty years later when Mr. Beed became cashier of the institution, at which time it was the property of the firm of Benson, Hays & Parks. It was made a state bank in 1905 with a capital stock of seventy-five thousand dollars fully paid in. The bank was incorporated at that time with Mr. Beed as president; H. L. Harrison, cashier, and G. F. Beed, vice president. At this writing in 1913, its officers are A. W. Beed, president; Dr. J. C. Powers, vice president; N. A. Inglis, cashier; and F. H. Ridgeway, assistant cashier. The directors of the bank in addition to the officers are: G. F. Beed, F. J. Scantlebury, B. D. Hunt, George D. Patterson, Jacob Pohl, C. F. Showalter, F. D. Smith and A. W. Wolf. This bank offers to depositors every facility which their balances, business and responsibility warrant. The condensed statement of the condition of the Franklin County State Bank shows loans and discounts amounting to six hundred and eighteen thousand, three hundred and ten dollars and thirty-three cents. Cash on hand and due from banks one hundred and sixty-two thousand, seven hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty

cents with real estate and personal property amounting to fifteen thousand dollars. The bank is capitalized for seventy-five thousand dollars has a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars, and undivided profits of more than twenty-three thousand dollars, with deposits of more than six hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars. All this indicates the excellent standing of the bank and the capability of the management.

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### JOHN SAILER.

John Sailer, a progressive farmer and extensive landowner of Franklin county, operating four hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Osceola township, was born in Germany, March 3, 1867. He is a son of John Jacob and Louisa Amelia (Off) Sailer, also natives of the fatherland. The parents came to America in 1885 and took up their residence in Osceola township, this county, where both passed away. The father died September 14, 1913, and the mother December 25, 1910. In their family were eleven children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Jacob J., a farmer of Franklin county; Caroline, the wife of Thomas Sessler, of Osceola township; Charles, a resident of Germany; Fred, of Osceola township; Louisa, the widow of G. Hoofmeister; John, of this review; and Paulina, who married Christ Sailer, of Osceola.

John Sailer remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, accompanying them to America in 1885. When he began his independent career he bought one hundred and twenty-four acres in Osceola township, this county, and he has since steadily increased his holdings until they comprise today four hundred and ten acres. In addition to general farming he engages also in stock-raising and has important interests along this line. His farm is well equipped with substantial buildings and modern machinery and is a valuable property in every respect, reflecting the intelligent care and management of its owner, who is a progressive and practical agriculturist.

On the 4th of April, 1894, Mr. Sailer married Miss Mary Ricksmeier, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Eichmeier) Ricksmeier, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was eighteen years of age and located in Illinois, whence he moved in 1882 to Franklin county, Iowa. He located on section 13, Osceola township, and operated a farm there until his death, which occurred

February 4, 1911. His wife died October 27, 1909. To their union were born five children: Henry, who is operating the old home-stead; Alvina, the wife of Andrew Sessler, of Hardin county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of the subject of this review; Minnie, who married Christ Raisch, of Hardin county; and Lydia, who married L. War-neke, of Geneva township. Mr. and Mrs. Sailer became the par-ents of four children: Sophia, who is attending Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls; and Lydia, Matilda and Paul, all at home. Mr. Sailer is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His energy and industry have carried him forward into important relations with agricultural inter-ests, and he has won for himself a most creditable reputation by his enterprise and reliability in every connection in which he has been found.

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### JOHN M. HEMINGWAY.

John M. Hemingway, a member of the Hampton bar, careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases and clear and cogent in the presentation of his arguments, has won for himself a creditable position among the lawyers practicing in Franklin county. He was born December 4, 1848, in Hadley, Lapeer county, Michigan, a son of John M. and Sarah (Dexter) Hemingway, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation and died upon the home farm in Michigan. The family numbered five children, but two died in early life, leaving as the surviving members of the family: John M., Dexter and Ruth Delia, the latter the widow of Judge J. W. McKenzie.

Spending his youthful days in the state of his nativity, John M. Hemingway supplemented his public-school course by study in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated in 1873 on the completion of the classical course. In preparation for a professional career he entered the State University at Iowa City and was graduated with the law class of 1875. On the 1st of July of the same year he located in Hampton for the practice of his pro-fession and formed a partnership with Judge J. W. McKenzie, with whom he was associated until Mr. McKenzie was elevated to the bench. Afterward he was a partner of T. C. McKenzie until the latter's death, and then was alone for a time. Subsequently he spent a year in partnership with D. W. Henley and in 1887 and 1888 was



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in Kansas City, Missouri. He then returned to Hampton, however, and has since practised his profession alone, winning for himself a prominent position as a representative of the Franklin county bar. He is strong in argument, clear in his reasoning and logical in his deductions, and he seldom fails to win the verdict desired.

On the 3d of September, 1877, Mr. Hemingway was united in marriage to Miss Natalia Zimmerman, of Hampton, and unto them have been born five children: Irma, now Mrs. F. A. Harriman; Madge, who died in infancy; John D., a practicing dentist of Waverly, Iowa; Max M., an attorney at Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Natalia, who is a graduate of the literary department of the Iowa State University of the class of 1913, and is employed by the United States government as a teacher in Porto Rico. Mr. Hemingway is a progressive republican in politics. He was one of the three charter members of Windsor Lodge, K. P., and is now in active connection therewith. He is affiliated with the Congregational church. He finds rest and recreation in the management of a farm known as Aldenheim. Before the automobile came into such common use he was well known as a breeder of fast trotting horses, having owned several well known trotters, including Sarcenat with a 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$  record. His farm has ever been to him a source of recreation and interest, and he is now engaged in the raising of thoroughbred cattle and hogs, giving personal supervision to the work that is carried on in connection with the farm. His life has ever been upright and honorable and many good traits of character, as well as his professional ability, have established him high in public regard.

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### JOSEPH R. SANTEE.

Joseph R. Santee, engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 36, Lee township, was born in Pennsylvania, September 6, 1874. He is a son of Robert C. and Martha M. (Kelly) Santee, also natives of the Keystone state. The parents moved to Iowa in 1876 and located in Muscatine county, whence after four years they moved to Hardin county. There they remained until 1900 and then came to Franklin county, taking up their residence on a farm on section 36, Lee township. Robert C. Santee died March 25, 1909, while the mother resides in Iowa Falls. To their union were born seven children: George L., a resident of Corpus Christi, Texas; Bertha, the widow of Thomas

G. Watkins, of New Albany, Kansas; Joseph R., of this review; Elsie G., residing in Iowa Falls; James K., of Dows; Maud, the wife of M. W. Hensley, of Dows; and Mary, who married J. F. Gilbert, of Atlantic, Iowa.

Joseph R. Santee was two years of age when his parents came to Iowa, and he acquired his education in the public schools of Muscatine and Hardin counties. Following the completion of his studies he taught for two years in Hardin county and then turned his attention to farming. He is now operating the family homestead of one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Lee township and has made this property productive and valuable in the highest degree. In addition to general farming he also raises and feeds stock, and his interests along this line are of growing importance.

On the 1st of September, 1897, Mr. Santee was united in marriage to Miss Ora M. Meeks, a native of Hardin county, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Nada Maxine, born August 18, 1912. Mr. Santee attends the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a republican in his political beliefs and has served as secretary of the school board and is now township assessor. As a resident of Franklin county he has been loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to the general welfare and has made some substantial contributions to development and progress.

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#### CHARLES F. MEIER.

Charles F. Meier, prominently connected with business interests of Hampton as secretary and treasurer of the Hampton Mercantile Company, Incorporated, was born in Germany, October 13, 1860, a son of William and Elizabeth Meier. He came to America in 1882 and located in Waverly, Iowa, where he engaged in the general merchandise business until 1898, when he moved to Hampton. Here in 1902 he assumed the management of the business conducted by the Hampton Mercantile Company, Incorporated, and he has since been secretary and treasurer of this concern, the president being Dr. J. C. Powers. The company controls one of the largest general mercantile establishments in Hampton, and under Mr. Meier's competent and intelligent management its interests have grown steadily. Its business has increased in volume and importance and has reached gratifying proportions at the present time.

Mr. Meier married Miss Maggie Hoddel, and they have two children, Louis and Lenora. Mr. Meier is well known in business circles of Hampton as a man of force, experience and capacity and he occupies a high place among representative and valued citizens.

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### THEODORE THOMAS.

Agricultural interests of Franklin county find a worthy and progressive representative in Theodore Thomas, who has been engaged in farming in Reeve township since 1876, winning in the interval a degree of success which places him among the representative agriculturists of his locality. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, October 2, 1844, and is a son of Elias and Susan (Rice) Thomas, natives of Washington county, Maryland. The parents went to Illinois in 1837, and the father engaged in farming in Ogle county until his death, which occurred in January, 1881. His wife has also passed away, dying September 13, 1907, at the advanced age of ninety-one. She came of a long-lived family, her mother having reached the age of one hundred and three years, four months and three days. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Thomas became the parents of six children: Catherine, deceased; Drusilla, the widow of B. F. Stevenson, of Leaf River, Illinois; Sarah, deceased; Theodore, of this review; Barbara, the wife of David Emmett, of Mount Morris, Illinois; and Frances, the wife of William Gaffin, also of Mount Morris.

Theodore Thomas remained at home until he was seventeen years of age and then enlisted at Byron, Illinois, in Company B, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving afterward for three years and taking part in Sherman's march to the sea. He was mustered out at Concord, North Carolina, and received his honorable discharge at Chicago, Illinois. He immediately returned to the home farm and in the spring of 1868 moved to Iowa, locating near Faulkner, where he remained until 1876. In that year he moved to Reeve township, Franklin county, settling upon a farm on sections 23 and 26, Reeve township, where he has since resided. He owns two hundred and seven acres of valuable land and in the course of years has by intelligent management and constant supervision made this a very valuable and attractive property. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, both branches being important sources of income to him.

On the 21st of March, 1867, Mr. Thomas married Miss Elizabeth Wagner, a native of Ogle county, Illinois, and they became the parents of seven children: Winnie, who died in infancy; Olin W., of Hamilton township; Elias W., of Craig, Colorado; Edna Elizabeth, the wife of R. E. Towle, of Hampton; Theodore L. and Frank A., who reside in Geneva; and Henry R., of Hampton. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Christian church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was township trustee for nine years, serving with credit and ability. He prefers, however, to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs which, capably conducted, have brought him richly merited success.

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### JOHN E. COONLEY.

John E. Coonley, who since 1895 has been connected with mercantile interests of Hampton, was born in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, February 20, 1864. He is a son of Edward R. and Ulilla (Titus) Coonley, natives of New York. The father was a building contractor by trade and died in 1885, having survived his wife ten years. To their union were born ten children: Charles T., who served as a member of the state legislature for two terms and is now a resident of Bristow, Iowa; William Henry, of Racine, Wisconsin; Obadiah G., a farmer near Pickrell, Nebraska; Hiram F., who is engaged in mining in Rapid City, South Dakota; Gilead G., engaged in the implement business in Bristow, Iowa; Mary, deceased; George H., a contractor of Racine, Wisconsin; Ella, the wife of G. H. Harris, of Racine; John E., of this review; and Lewis L., a resident of Waverly, Iowa.

John E. Coonley acquired his education in the public schools of Racine and when he began his independent career turned his attention to the mercantile business in Bristow, continuing for ten years. In 1895 he moved to Franklin county and settled in Hampton, where he has since been connected with mercantile interests. He owns two large modern stores, incorporated and conducted as the Coonley Grocery Company and controls a representative patronage, for his stock is well selected, his prices reasonable and his business methods beyond reproach. Mr. Coonley has erected more buildings in Hampton than any other one man, seventeen residences and a fine brick block on Reeve street evidencing his business enterprise and

progressiveness. His interests are all carefully conducted and have brought him a gratifying degree of success.

On the 4th of June, 1909, Mr. Coonley was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Trier, a native of Delaware county, and they have become the parents of two children: James Edward, born March 27, 1910; and Robert Trier, born June 4, 1911. Mr Coonley is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. In business circles he has made for himself an enviable position, and he is one of the most popular and representative citizens of Hampton.

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### HANS H. PETERSEN.

Hans H. Petersen needs no introduction to the readers of a history of Franklin county, for he is well known as one of the most prosperous and progressive agriculturists in Richland township. He owns one hundred and fifty-one and a half acres of land on sections 6 and 7, and in its cultivation has met with a gratifying measure of success. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, December 1, 1862, and is a son of Peter and Anna Petersen, both of whom were born in Schleswig when that province was under Danish control. They made their homes there until their deaths.

In order to avoid his term of service in the German army Hans H. Petersen came to America, settling in Warren county, New Jersey, where he joined his brother, Henry, who had crossed the Atlantic ten years before. He spent two years working in a blast furnace and nail factory there and then came to Iowa, securing a position on a farm in Cerro Gordo county, where he worked by the month at seventeen dollars and a half a month. Later he and his brother bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Cerro Gordo county, farmed it for five years and then sold the place. Mr. Petersen of this review then came to Franklin county and purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 6 and 7, Richland township, where he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has replaced all of the old buildings by substantial modern ones, has fenced his fields and installed modern machinery. The farm is today a productive and valuable property, and Mr. Petersen holds a high place in the ranks of progressive and successful agriculturists.

In Cerro Gordo county Mr. Petersen married Miss Maria Juhl, a native of Schleswig, born June 13, 1854. She is a daughter of Hans P. and Christina Juhl, both of whom died in their native province. Mr. Petersen is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held the office of school director but is not active politically, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, in which he is meeting with well deserved success.

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### G. A. CORNING, M. D.

G. A. Corning, M. D., is the oldest practicing physician in Hampton and is still an active follower of the profession, although he has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, August 18, 1835, and is a son of George and Phoebe (Webster) Corning. The mother was a relative of America's eminent statesman, Daniel Webster, and as a representative of one of the old American families represented in the war for independence, she is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the Revolution. Her youngest brother, J. P. Webster, was a noted musician and song writer.

On leaving New England, George Corning, father of Dr. Corning, removed westward to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming to the time of his death. His wife, however, passed away in New Hampshire.

Dr. Corning is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children. He went to Wisconsin in 1855, where he took up the profession of surveying, and also engaged in teaching school there. Desirous of improving his own education he entered the Portage City Classical Institute of Portage, Wisconsin, and completed his classical course in that institution in 1860. He next located at Kilbourn, Wisconsin, and was principal of the schools there for two years. Later he went to Union county, Illinois, and when his health failed he abandoned professional activity to engage in the fruit business. At the time of the Civil war his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment, and in 1863 he offered his services to the government, but was rejected on account of the condition of his heart. He found that he was a failure in the fruit business, and in 1865 he went to Bureau county, Illinois, where he resumed the profession of teaching which he followed until 1868, when his wife died. He then gave up teach-



DR. G. A. CORNING



ing and built a home for his brother and sister-in-law. The latter was his wife's sister and had previously been given a position as teacher in the schools of Bureau county, through the influence of Dr. Corning, but later she resigned and moved to Wisconsin.

After building the home previously mentioned Dr. Corning traveled extensively over the southwest, visiting various sections and working in different places. Eventually he worked his way back again to Iowa and thence to Minnesota, after which he returned to his old home in Wisconsin, where he was welcomed with open arms. Later he went to Bureau county, Illinois, and there engaged in teaching in the graded schools for several years. He then entered Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, and graduated two years later. He first took up the practice of medicine at Marseilles, Illinois, in 1875, and in 1878 he came to Hampton, where he has since been practicing, being now the oldest physician of the town.

Dr. Corning has been twice married. He first wedded Isabelle Town, who died leaving a son, Ernest Banks Corning, who is now a surveyor of Loup City, Nebraska. Dr. Corning afterward married Josephine Town, a sister of his first wife and they have become the parents of two children; Edward Ray, of Hampton and Stanley Town, who is a farmer of this county.

Dr. Corning attends the Universalist church and is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows lodges, the beneficent principles of which he exemplifies in his life. His political allegiance has long been given to the republican party which has indeed found in him a stalwart supporter. Dr. Corning is still active, though well advanced in age. He bears his seventy-eight years lightly and in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime.

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### HENRY BURMESTER.

Since 1876 Henry Burmester has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and is now the owner of three quarter sections of land in Mott township. He was born in Germany, November 4, 1836, and is a son of Henry and Marguerite (Hartman) Burmester, the former of whom died in Germany.

Henry Burmester came to America in 1869 and located in Chapin, Iowa, where for five years he engaged in railroad work. At the end of that time he moved from the town, and in 1876 he bought a quarter section of land in partnership with his step-son. His hold-

ings increased steadily throughout the years which followed, and he owns today three quarter sections, all well improved and in excellent condition, reflecting the care and supervision he has bestowed upon his property. Mr. Burmester follows always the most practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his interests, with the result that he is now one of the successful and representative farmers of his locality.

Mr. Burmester married Mrs. Anna (Meyer) Gade and they became the parents of three children: Will; Anna; and an infant, who passed away in Germany. Mr. Burmester's first wife died in 1882 and in 1883 he wedded Miss Annie Schrader, by whom he had seven children: Henry and August, at home; Elizabeth, deceased; Emma; Magdalena; Wilhelmine; and Esther, who has passed away.

Mr. Burmester is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as road supervisor and is always interested and active in the promotion of movements for the general welfare. Throughout a period of residence in Mott township covering thirty-seven years he has made many valuable contributions to agricultural development and has become widely known not only as a successful farmer but also as a public-spirited and useful citizen.

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#### HAROLD DUDLEY BALDWIN.

Harold Dudley Baldwin, a well known druggist of Hampton, was born in this city December 11, 1884, a son of Emmet V. and Sarah Jane (Cook) Baldwin, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Wisconsin. When the father was eighteen years of age he came to Cedar Falls, Iowa, and for a time engaged in farming in the vicinity of that city. He afterward passed his examination and became a registered pharmacist, establishing a drug store in Hampton in partnership with Dr. J. H. Hutchins. Eventually he purchased his partner's interest and erected a fine brick store, the first floor of which he used as his pharmacy, the second floor being occupied by business offices. Emmet V. Baldwin conducted this enterprise successfully until his death which occurred in August, 1911. He is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Hampton. To their union were born two children: a daughter, who died in childhood; and Harold Dudley, of this review.

Harold Dudley Baldwin acquired his education in the Hampton grammar and high schools and afterward attended the University of Illinois, graduating from that institution in 1908. Immediately afterward he became connected with his father's drug store and after the latter's death assumed charge of the enterprise which he has since conducted. He carries a full line of drugs and sundries and controls a large and representative patronage.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Congregational church, is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a young man of force, ambition and enterprise and will undoubtedly be carried forward into still more important relations with mercantile interests of the community.

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### JOHN L. FRENCH.

Since 1866 John L. French has made his home in Franklin county and has become well known here as an able business man and a useful citizen. For a long period he was connected with mercantile interests of Faulkner but for a number of years past has been engaged in writing insurance. He is a veteran of the Civil war and loyal and public-spirited in matters of citizenship. Mr. French was born in Vermont, October 16, 1845, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Webster) French, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. The father spent his entire active life engaged in farming, dying in 1850. He was survived by his wife until 1866, both passing away in Vermont. To their union were born nine children: Shepard, Reuben, James and Marinda, deceased; John L., of this review; Ann and Martha, who have passed away; Julina; and Hattie, deceased.

John L. French was reared in Vermont and at the age of sixteen enlisted in Company D, Ninth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He was discharged at Annapolis, Maryland, in November, 1863, and on the 1st of June, 1864, reenlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was captured at Winchester, Virginia, and was a prisoner for five months, this time being spent in Libby prison and in the prison at Belle Island. He was mustered out of service with his honorable discharge at Chicago, Illinois, and in 1866 came to Franklin county, Iowa, where for a few years he engaged in farm-

ing near Faulkner. Later he established himself in the general merchandise business in the town and built up a large and representative patronage, for his goods were always of a high quality and his business methods above reproach. Mr. French served as postmaster of Faulkner for a number of years, doing conscientious and capable work in this office. He has since discontinued these connections and for the past few years has been engaged in writing insurance.

On the 7th of November, 1875, Mr. French was united in marriage to Miss Mary Riddle, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of James Henry and Elizabeth (Millslage) Riddle, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father served in the Civil war and was wounded in battle, later dying at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. French became the parents of six children: George, who has passed away; a daughter who died in infancy; Elmer and Elizabeth, deceased; Grace, the wife of Louis Reiken, of Hardin county; and Cora, at home.

Mr. French is a member of the Methodist church and is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for a period of fifteen years did able and conscientious work as clerk of the school board. During the forty-eight years he has lived in Franklin county he has contributed in substantial measure to general growth and advancement and has won for himself a high place in the esteem and confidence of many friends.

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#### NEWTON B. CLAYPOOL.

Newton B. Claypool, living in Hampton, is the owner of a quarter section of valuable land in Franklin county and derives therefrom a substantial annual income. He was formerly actively engaged in farming, but now in the evening of life, is living retired. He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, May 14, 1836, and is a son of Milton and Rosanna (Higgins) Claypool, who were natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and after removing westward to Illinois continued to reside there until called to his final rest. In the family were the following children: Newton B.; James M., deceased; Alvira, the widow of Frederick Rendisbacher, living at Stockton, Illinois; Martha and William, both now deceased; Benjamin R., who is engaged in the



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banking business at Orleans, Nebraska; Milton, who has passed away; Elmira, who is the widow of George Claywell, of Austin, Minnesota; Louise, the wife of T. L. J. Clapp, of Chicago; Edward, a resident of Spencer, Iowa; and Joseph, who is living in Minnesota.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Newton B. Claypool remained upon the home farm and assisted his father in the work of the fields from the time when he was old enough to handle the plow. On starting out on his own account he leased a farm and continued to cultivate rented land for thirteen years. In 1872 he arrived in Franklin county and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, then all wild and unimproved land. With characteristic energy he began its development and transformed the tract into rich, cultivated fields. He followed farming until October 29, 1908, when he removed to Hampton. He still owns a quarter section of valuable land and derives therefrom a substantial income. In all of his farm work he was persistent and energetic, and as invention brought forth new and improved machinery he used it to facilitate the work of the fields.

On the 4th of July, 1855, Mr. Claypool was united in marriage to Miss Annett Townsend, a daughter of George N. and Mary (Miner) Townsend, whose ancestors came to the new world as passengers on the Mayflower. Her parents eventually settled in Illinois and her father built the first house in the township in which he lived in that state. In their family were the following children: Samantha, who married E. M. Backus and who is now deceased; Amanda, who is the wife of A. B. Chambers, of Boone, Iowa; Asher and Nelson, who have passed away; Mrs. Claypool; Joseph, who has departed this life; Jennie, the wife of H. Z. Tucker, of Walnut Grove, Illinois; Susan, the wife of W. B. Bryan of Hampton; Olive; Gazelle, the widow of Charles Pulfrey, of South Dakota; Mary, the widow of J. G. Renwick; Emeline, the wife of T. L. Stayer, of Chicago; and Hugh, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Claypool had a family of eight children: Ebenezer E., living at Hansler, Iowa; B. Edward, who is located in Minnesota; Rosanna, the wife of Sam McDowell of Hampton; Mary, the wife of E. F. Klinefelter, of Alexander, Iowa; George M., of Alberta, Canada; Phillip H., living in Chapin, Iowa; Altha, deceased; and Newton B., of Franklin county.

Mr. Claypool belongs to the Baptist church, and his life has ever been in accord with its principles. He also holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is entitled to wear the little bronze button of the Grand

Army from the fact that he enlisted in 1865 as a member of Company K, Ninety-sixth Illinois Infantry. He was afterward transferred to Grant's regiment, twenty-first Illinois, and was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, in November, 1865. In politics he has always been a republican, thus supporting the party which was the defense of the union in the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the acknowledged party of progress and reform and improvement.

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### WILLIAM AVERY RIDDLER.

William Avery Riddle, a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Franklin county, has here resided throughout his entire life, covering a period of more than a half century. He and his wife own a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Ross township. He was born in what is now Richland township, then Clinton township, on the 7th of February, 1859, his parents being T. C. and Sarah (Colt) Riddle, who were born, reared and married in New York. In 1856 they came to Iowa, locating in Poweshiek county, and two years later took up their abode among the earliest settlers of Franklin county, settling on a tract of land near Old Chapin. T. C. Riddle devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and passed away in 1877, the community thus losing one of its pioneer farmers and esteemed citizens. His widow, who survives at the age of eighty-six years, now makes her home at Vincent, Webster county, Iowa. She is a devoted member of the Baptist church, to which Mr. Riddle also belonged.

Our subject was named for an early settler of this county, William Avery. He grew to manhood in Old Chapin and has made farming his life work. His holdings now embrace one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 31, Ross township, and in connection with the cultivation of cereals he makes a specialty of the raising of shorthorn cattle, meeting with gratifying success in both branches of his business. Industry and perseverance have been among his salient characteristics, and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his native county.

In Franklin county Mr. Riddle was united in marriage to Miss Florence Rowe, a native of England and a sister of W. H. Rowe, a

sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. They have a daughter, Lola, who is the wife of O. J. Clock, of Geneva, this county.

Mr. Riddle is a republican in his political views and made a commendable record as township trustee, in which capacity he served for six years. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge at Sheffield. He has remained a resident of Franklin county from his birth to the present time, and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunch friends and admirers. Mr. Riddle has vivid recollections of early days and has witnessed the marked transformation which has occurred as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization.

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### SAMUEL BUTLER.

Samuel Butler, a valued and representative citizen of Hampton, living retired after a period of connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county dating from 1869, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 9, 1842. He is a son of John and Ann (McCammant) Butler, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa about 1875, locating at West Union. The father was a Baptist minister and also engaged in farming. He died in Kansas, and his wife passed away in Oklahoma. To their union were born eight children: Lewis, who died in the army during the Civil war; Samuel, of this review; Thomas, who has passed away; Rebecca Jane, the widow of F. Reddinger, of Sealy, Oklahoma; John, a resident of Jennings, Kansas; Sarah, the wife of Wilmer Seers, of Missouri; George, of Monroe, Wisconsin; and Zeblin, of Downs, Kansas.

Samuel Butler's entire active life was given over to agricultural pursuits. When he was twenty-three years of age he began farming in Green county, Wisconsin, and there remained for several years. In the spring of 1869 he came to Franklin county, this state, locating in Ingham township, where he purchased one hundred and six and two-thirds acres of land. To this he afterward added from time to time, his property holdings finally comprising three hundred and twenty-seven acres. This place he operated for thirty-two years thereafter, steadily carrying forward the work of its cultivation and developing it into a valuable and productive farm. He continued

active in its operation until 1901, when he bought five acres in the northeastern part of the corporation of Hampton and upon this property erected the comfortable modern home in which he is now spending his retired life.

On the 1st of December, 1864, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Bailey, a native of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of eight children: Annie, the wife of John Eittle, of Hampton; Dennis Franklin, a farmer in Ingham township; Isabelle, the wife of A. C. Woodland, also of Ingham township; Angeline, deceased; Lloyd, of Denver, Iowa; Edith, the wife of L. E. Rosen, a farmer in Ingham township; Roy, who has passed away; and Clifford, operating the old homestead. Mr. Butler is a member of the Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own earnest and persistent efforts.

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### JAMES A. SHEETS.

James A. Sheets, a well known farmer of Mott township, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, October 22, 1860, a son of Peter and Mary Ann (Russell) Sheets, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father came to Franklin county in 1865 and bought a quarter section of land in Mott township. On his return journey to Virginia he stopped in Illinois, and there his death occurred in 1872. His wife and children made their home upon the farm in Franklin county now owned by the subject of this review. In this family were seven children: two who died in infancy; Harriet, deceased; Franklin P., of Des Moines; Caroline, the wife of Peter Nelson, of Ada, Minnesota; James A.; and Peter, of Ada, Minnesota.

James A. Sheets was twelve years of age when his father died, and he and his brother took charge of the homestead, operating it together until 1893. In that year James A. Sheets purchased his brother's interests, and he has since managed the property alone. He engages in general farming and has met with a success which places him among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his locality.

On the 12th of February, 1895, Mr. Sheets was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Slee, and they have become the parents

of three children: Myrtle, who was born November 28, 1895; Mary, born July 8, 1897; and James A., born March 10, 1902. Mr. Sheets is a member of the Methodist church and in politics votes independently. He has been connected with agricultural interests of his township for over forty years and has accomplished a great deal of important work in the intervening period, contributing in substantial measure to the welfare and growth of the community and winning a gratifying personal success.

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### HENRY HELVIG.

Henry Helvig, living retired in Hampton, was born in Geneva township, this county, March 21, 1869. He is a son of George and Caroline (Liese) Helvig, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa in 1868 and settled in Geneva township, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred June 8, 1905. His wife survives him and makes her home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Twelve children were born to their union: William, deceased; Henry, of this review; Anna, the wife of John Mohler, of Grant township; John, who has passed away; Emma, the wife of Fred Heins, of Geneva township; Edward, of Grant township; Sophie, the wife of Jake England, of Grant township; Susie, who married Gotleib Kracht, a resident of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Louisa, the wife of L. Meyer, of Lee township; Christina, who married A. Meyer, of Grant township; Carrie, who has passed away; and Esther, the wife of F. Mussigmann, of Grant township.

Henry Helvig was reared upon his father's homestead and remained upon it even after he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grant township. He acquired this property when he was twenty-two years of age, and he afterward added to it a quarter section in Lee township. This property he managed for many years thereafter, developing it along practical and modern lines, and he eventually took his place among the leading farmers of his locality. In the course of years he acquired a comfortable competency and upon the 1st of March, 1913, retired from active life. He bought twelve and a half acres in the northeastern part of Hampton and there has erected a comfortable home.

On the 14th of December, 1899, Mr. Helvig was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Ahrens, a native of Butler county. Her father was born in Germany and came to Butler county in 1871, dying in

Franklin county on the 28th of February, 1901. He was left an orphan and for many years followed the sea. He was the father of six children: Louisa, the wife of the subject of this review; Frank, who has passed away; William, of Dumont, Iowa; Emma, the wife of C. Ray, of Eagle Grove, Wright county, Iowa; a son who died in infancy; and Carrie, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Anna Ahrens, who is the mother of Mrs. Helvig and who was Anna Dorn before her marriage and is a native of Germany, resides in Dumont, Butler county. Mr. and Mrs. Helvig have become the parents of five children: Anna, who was born January 9, 1901; Viola, born May 18, 1903; Cora, born December 26, 1905; Lenora, born June 2, 1907; and Henrietta, born October 28, 1909.

Mr. Helvig is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Mrs. Helvig is a member of the Evangelical church. In 1900 he took the census of Grant and Osceola townships, and he has served as treasurer of the school board. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in Hampton and has long been numbered among the most substantial and representative citizens of Franklin county.

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#### FREDERICK HAUPT.

Frederick Haupt is a representative of a well known pioneer family of Franklin county and today one of the leading agriculturists of Osceola township, owning and operating the farm upon which he has resided since his childhood. He was born in Pennsylvania, September 22, 1852, and is a son of Frederick and Henrietta (Helmker) Haupt, natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1850 and located in Pennsylvania, where they remained nine years. They settled in Franklin county, Iowa, in 1859, making their home upon a farm on section 28, Osceola township. Here the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred March 6, 1888. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in January, 1910. To their union were born five children: Minnie and Carl, deceased; Frederick, of this review; Mary, who has passed away; and Henrietta, the wife of John Theis, of Grant township.

Frederick Haupt came to Franklin county with his parents in 1859 and was reared at home, becoming from his early childhood familiar with the details of farm operation. Upon the death of his



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father he inherited the homestead and upon this still continues to reside, engaged in general farming and stock-raising. The property comprises two hundred and forty acres on section 28, Osceola township, and is well improved in every particular, reflecting the care and supervision of the owner, who is a progressive and practical agriculturist.

On the 29th of October, 1889, Mr. Haupt was united in marriage to Miss Ernestina Mutzell, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of four children: John, Mary, Frederick and Ernestina. Mr. Haupt is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is interested in the betterment of the community, where he has spent practically his entire life, and he has rendered the township excellent service as a member of the school board. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, capable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and reliable.

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#### B. D. HUNT.

B. D. Hunt, cashier of the Geneva Savings Bank, was born in Butler county, Iowa, February 18, 1870. He is a son of Franklin H. and Sarah (Davis) Hunt, natives of New York. The father engaged in the mercantile business until his death, and his wife survives him, making her home in Osage, Iowa. To their union were born five children: B. D., of this review; Harry L., of Madison, Wisconsin; Florence, who makes her home in Osage, Iowa; and Lee and Hazel, also residents of Osage.

B. D. Hunt acquired his education in the public schools of Butler county, and since the beginning of his active career has been connected with the banking business. He began as clerk in a bank at Clarksville and was identified with a bank at Waterloo. In 1894 he moved to Hampton and entered the Citizens National Bank as clerk, resigning this position in order to become connected with the Bank of Hampton. In 1905 he and his associates bought out the former owners of the Geneva Savings Bank and Mr. Hunt was made cashier, a position which he has since filled with credit and ability.

On April 23, 1893, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Rose A. McCreary, a native of Butler county, and they have become the parents of two children, Frank A. and Ardis. Mr. Hunt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he gives his political

allegiance to the republican party, serving for two years as city clerk of Hampton. He holds a high place in financial circles, and his judgment is considered sound and reliable on all matters connected with his special line.

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### BENJAMIN G. CUNNINGHAM.

Benjamin G. Cunningham, a well known, highly respected and influential citizen of Alexander, is spending the evening of life in honorable retirement and justly merits the ease and comfort which he now enjoys. His birth occurred in Randolph county, Indiana, on the 21st of October, 1844, his parents being Stephen B. and Mary P. (McPherson) Cunningham, the former born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of April, 1813, and the latter in Miami county, Ohio, on the 20th of January, 1823. In June, 1854, they came overland to Iowa, taking up their abode among the earliest residents of Anamosa, Jones county. A year later they removed to Hardin county and on the 1st of October, 1855, located on a farm two and a half miles northeast of Steamboat Rock. The district was but wild, unbroken prairie and the nearest trading points were Iowa City and Dubuque. Stephen B. Cunningham passed away at Chadron, Nebraska, in April, 1892, while the demise of his wife occurred at that place in April, 1889. Their family numbered thirteen children, five of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows: Benjamin G., of this review; Mrs. Phoebe A. Root, of Howard, South Dakota; Mrs. Martha M. Wardwell, who passed away in May, 1912; Stephen L., a resident of Pasadena, California; and Mrs. Cora Clark, living in Saskatchewan, Canada. Nora died at the age of thirteen years. The four oldest children of the family were born in Indiana, while the rest were natives of Iowa.

Benjamin G. Cunningham, who was about ten years of age when he came to this state with his parents, remained on the home farm until July, 1863, when he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company G, Ninth Iowa Cavalry. He was mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 3d of February, 1866, and finally discharged at Davenport, Iowa. His health was much impaired when he returned from the war, and he did not regain his normal strength until an entire year had passed. He was employed as clerk in a store for one year and following his marriage turned

his attention to general agricultural pursuits, being engaged in farming until the fall of 1873. During the next nine years he worked as a clerk in Steamboat Rock, while subsequently he conducted a harness shop at that place for two years. In 1884 he came to Hampton, Franklin county, and was here engaged in the harness business until 1892, when he returned to the farm, continuing its operation for four years. On the expiration of that period, in 1896, he disposed of the property and returned to Hampton, again embarking in the harness business here. In April, 1897, he was elected superintendent of waterworks in Hampton and in the following year sold his harness shop but continued to serve as superintendent of waterworks until 1902. In June of that year he resigned his position and purchased a comfortable home in Alexander, where both he and his estimable wife are spending their declining years. Mr. Cunningham has always been a loyal and public-spirited citizen of the community, ably serving as superintendent of roads in Scott township, while for the past four years he has acted as superintendent and manager of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery of Alexander.

On the 12th of October, 1867, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Wales, who was born in Macomb county, Michigan, on the 13th of August, 1845, her parents being Albion W. and Henrietta (Walton) Wales, the former born in New York on the 12th of October, 1813, and the latter near Utica, that state, on the 13th of September, 1820. In 1866 they established their home at Steamboat Rock, Hardin county, Iowa. Albion W. Wales there served as justice of the peace for a score of years and was one of the town's most influential citizens. His demise occurred at Steamboat Rock on the 11th of April, 1891, while his wife there passed away on the 24th of September, 1884. Their three children, all natives of Macomb county, Michigan, were as follows: Mrs. Marietta Spencer, who died on the 20th of January, 1896; James P.; and Mrs. Josephine Cunningham. Our subject and his wife have one son, Bennie Wales Cunningham, whose birth occurred in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, on the 19th of November, 1871, and who now resides on a farm near Steele, Kidder county, North Dakota. He acquired his education in the graded and high schools at Hampton, Iowa, and also completed a course in bookkeeping. He is the father of eight children, namely: Clare, Boyd D., Wilma, Nona G., Howard, Harry, Lloyd and Raymond. The three eldest are high-school students at Steele, North Dakota. The five eldest children are natives of Franklin county, Iowa, while the three younger were born near Steele, North Dakota.

Benjamin G. Cunningham is a republican in his political views and has always been an active worker in the local ranks of the party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Alexander, to which his wife also belongs. He is likewise connected with J. W. McKenzie Post, No. 81, G. A. R., of Hampton, and thus still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Mr. Cunningham has now passed the sixty-ninth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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#### FRED L. MEYER.

Fred L. Meyer, a native son of Franklin county and during the entire period of his active life connected with agricultural interests here, was born on the farm he now operates December 1, 1880. He is a son of William and Emily (Surles) Meyer, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, born in 1841, and the latter of Hardin county, Iowa. The father came to America with his parents when he was ten years of age and settled in Illinois, whence he afterward moved to Grundy county, Iowa. Later he took up his residence in Franklin county, this state, buying a half section of land on sections 10, 15 and 16, Grant township. This property he improved and operated, carrying on general farming and stock-raising until within three years of his death, which occurred April 11, 1906. He and his wife became the parents of four children: Fred L., of this review; a son who died in infancy; Clara, the wife of Lars H. Green, of Grant township; and Anthony Wayne.

Fred L. Meyer was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools of Grant township. At the age of twenty-two he took charge of the homestead, which comprises a half section of land on sections 10, 15 and 16. He has met with most gratifying success in the conduct of his farming interests and takes rank with the most progressive and representative agriculturists of the vicinity. He married Miss Clara Christman, a native of Stephenson county, Illinois, and they have become the parents of three children: Lavern Arthur, who was born July 15, 1904; Nina Lucile, born October 17, 1908; and Thelma May, born May 6, 1913. Mr. Meyer is a member of the Christian church and connected fraternally with the

Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is at present serving as township trustee. Although still a young man, he has already been carried forward into important relations with agricultural interests, and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in his locality.

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### DAVID W. EVANS.

David W. Evans, who during a period of connection with the bar of Franklin county dating from 1903 until his death, on the 14th of September, 1913, won a position of honor and distinction among the leading lawyers of Hampton, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, April 10, 1858. He was a son of Evan J. and Ann (Davis) Evans, natives of Wales. He acquired his education in the public schools of Racine, Wisconsin, and later entered Iowa State University, graduating from the liberal arts course in 1886 and from the law course in 1891. For two years following the completion of his studies he practiced his profession in Des Moines and from there went to Pipestone, Minnesota, where he resided until his brother, W. D. Evans, of Hampton, was elected district judge in the fall of 1902, when he came to Hampton and took up his brother's practice. He remained a resident of this city until his death, building up a large and representative patronage connecting him with a great deal of important litigation, and he became known as one of the foremost lawyers in this section of the state.

On the 11th of January, 1899, Mr. Evans married Miss Chell Brundage, a native of Michigan City, Indiana. They became the parents of two children: Lyman Parker, who has passed away; and Walter Chapin.

Mr. Evans was a member of the Congregational church, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. Some idea of his standing in the eyes of the community may be gained from the following paragraph taken from a local newspaper. "David Evans' death comes as a personal loss, not only to his family and relatives, but to a host of warm friends, who regarded him as one of nature's noblemen. Born of a long line of righteous ancestors, from them he inherited his stalwart character and spiritual nature. He was always genial, gentle and non-aggressive in temperament and at heart was tender as a child. He was a lawyer of fine ability and honored his calling. Its smaller contro-

versies did not hold his attention but he handled its larger questions with a master mind. His kindness and integrity made him a trusted counselor. Words cannot describe the sorrow now in his home where he was always cheerful—a comrade, friend and lover. A happy marriage; two little sons, one of blessed memory and one a sturdy lad of ten years, made the relations of an ideal home. Friends gathered around him naturally and loved him. In his associations with them his larger knowledge of interesting things, easy familiarity with literature, keen sense of humor and ready wit, made him a prince. In literature he had also creative ability and if his bedtime stories to his boy could be gathered up and printed, the volume would be a classic for children. So much for gifts, but his real strength was righteousness, which he carried into every phase of his daily life. David Evans will be missed in the business and social circles of Hampton where he took an active part. His cheery greeting will be missed by countless acquaintances. The world needs men like him. Humanity needs men of his type."

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#### LESTER BROWN CARHART.

Lester Brown Carhart, a prosperous and prominent citizen of Franklin county, is engaged in the general banking, real-estate and insurance business as sole owner of the Sheffield Bank, which he established on the 1st of January, 1880, in partnership with Messrs. Taylor and Evans. His birth occurred near Syracuse, New York, on the 1st of January, 1850, his parents being John and Angelina (Cheseboro) Carhart, likewise natives of the Empire state. In 1855 they settled on a farm in Scott county, Iowa, but in 1871 John Carhart disposed of the property and removed to Grinnell, Poweshiek county, this state, where he passed away at the age of seventy-two years. The demise of his wife occurred in Scott county when she had attained the age of fifty-five.

Lester B. Carhart was five years of age when the family home was established on a farm in Scott county, Iowa, and there attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education. At the age of seventeen he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and after completing the classical course spent a year as principal of schools at Eldora, Hardin county, Iowa. In 1873 he embarked in the book and music business at Hampton in association with T. B. Taylor, his college classmate, and a year later purchased



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his partner's interest, continuing the enterprise alone for four years. Subsequently he was engaged in the lumber business at Grinnell in partnership with his father and brother for two years. On the 1st of January, 1880, he formed a partnership with T. B. Taylor and W. D. Evans, now Judge Evans of the supreme court, for the conduct of a banking business in Sheffield. They occupied a frame building on the same corner where the present institution stands, and the name Sheffield Bank was adopted at the beginning. The partnership was maintained for a period of eighteen years or until 1899, when Mr. Carhart purchased the others' interests and became sole proprietor. He carries on a general banking, real-estate and insurance business, and the continued growth and success of the institution are ample evidence of his splendid executive ability and keen discernment. Mr. Carhart is likewise the vice president of the Sheffield Brick & Tile Company, a concern which was organized five years ago and of which our subject and his sons are the controlling stockholders. He also acts as vice president of the Grinnell Canning Company at Grinnell, Iowa.

Mr. Carhart has been married twice. On the 1st of August, 1872, he wedded Miss Addie M. Wright, of Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, by whom he had two sons. She passed away at Grinnell in 1878, and in December of the following year Mr. Carhart was again married, his second union being with Miss Nettie B. Bryan, a distant relative of the present secretary of state. By this marriage there are four sons. The six children of Mr. Carhart are as follows: Edward B., assistant cashier of the Goodman & Company Bank at Napa, California; Herman L., assistant cashier of the Sheffield Bank; Charles C., secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Sheffield Brick & Tile Company and general manager and owner of the Sheffield Electric Light & Power Company; Harry H., who is engaged in the automobile business at Minneapolis; Forrest F., who represents the Sheffield Brick & Tile Company as salesman; and Ralph R., a bookkeeper in his father's bank.

In politics Mr. Carhart is a stanch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him for positions of public trust. As mayor of Sheffield he gave the city a progressive and beneficial administration, and he also did valuable service as a member of the council, while many years he was on the school board. For several years, as treasurer and director, he was active in the work of the Camp Meeting Association, holding Chautauquas at Clear Lake. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carhart are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He is a handsome and vigorous gentleman and has won many friends in the various walks of life by reason of his unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality.

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### JOHN A. WADDINGTON.

John A. Waddington has been engaged in the hardware and general merchandise business in Geneva for almost a third of a century and throughout the entire period has maintained a reputation as an enterprising merchant and reliable business man, his commercial methods being at all times commendable and trustworthy. He was born in Yorkshire, England, June 9, 1848, and is a son of Joseph and Ellen (Heigh) Waddington, also natives of England, who came to America in 1849, locating in southern Illinois. They afterward moved to Fort Dearborn, now Chicago, thence to Jo Daviess county, that state, where the father engaged in railroad work until his death, which occurred in September, 1882. His wife died in September, 1910, at the age of ninety-four. To their union were born eleven children: Sarah, the widow of Ezra Turner, of Galena, Illinois; George and Will, deceased; Catherine, the wife of Alfred Bobst, of Reeve township; John A., of this review; Martha, the wife of E. Courtney, of Freeport, Illinois; Mary, twin to Martha and the wife of A. J. Young, of Nora, Illinois; Joe, of Chicago; Ellen, twin to Joe and the widow of Dr. Stauffer, of Nora, Illinois; Albert L., of White Rock, South Dakota; and Gilbert C., twin to Albert L., and a resident of Nora, Illinois.

John A. Waddington left home at the age of twenty-one and began working as a farm laborer, continuing thus for one year. At the end of that time he went to Kansas, where he secured a position as a cattle driver and also took up a homestead claim, upon which he resided for a number of years. For about two years prior to his marriage, which occurred in 1880, he was engaged in the hardware and tinning business with his brother-in-law, A. J. Young, at Nora, Illinois. Soon after his marriage he disposed of his interest at Nora and came to Franklin county, locating at Geneva, where he bought a hardware store. He afterward added general merchandise and has since conducted both branches of the business very successfully. He carries a full line of stock and has built up a large and profitable concern. In addition to his store he owns eight hundred and sixty-five acres of land lying mostly in Reeve and Geneva townships,

this county, and upon this property he specializes in breeding high-grade stock. He has a fine herd of Jersey cattle and his animals took eight blue ribbons and four red at the fair held in 1913.

On October 14, 1880, Mr. Waddington was united in marriage to Miss Louise Lawrence and they have become the parents of two children: Ellen Louise and Ray Allen. Mr. Waddington is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his political support is given to the republican party. He served for a number of years as school treasurer. During the long period of his residence in Geneva he has contributed to the progress of the city along commercial lines and in other ways has supported movements for the general good. His many excellent characteristics have given him high standing in the community, and he is accounted a substantial and representative citizen.

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### HANS SCHONEMANN.

Hans Schonemann, one of the self-made men of Franklin county who has risen by his own efforts to a place of importance and prominence in agricultural circles, was born in Denmark, April 3, 1854. He is a son of Jeppe and Mary Schonemann, both of whom died in Denmark.

Hans Schonemann came to America when he was twenty-eight years of age and settled first in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where for two years he worked by the month upon a farm. At the end of that time he moved to Franklin county and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Richland township. At the time this came into his possession it was only slightly improved but Mr. Schonemann has carried forward the work of its development with characteristic energy, and he has today a valuable and productive farm. It is equipped with substantial buildings and modern machinery and reflects in every department the care and supervision of the owner, who is a progressive and practical agriculturist. Mr. Schonemann recently purchased another farm of one hundred and twenty acres in this township and intends to give this over to the management of his son.

Mr. Schonemann married Miss Elsie Marie Petersen, a native of Denmark, and they have become the parents of eight children: Christina, the wife of Nels Raun; Marie, who married Albert Johnson; Henrietta, the wife of Richard James; Lauritz, who will oper-

ate his father's newly purchased farm; Elisa; Sina; William; and Henry.

Mr. Schonemann is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs. Starting out in life a poor man, he has by his own efforts worked his way upward to success, contributing to the agricultural development of this locality two fine farms, which are a visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift.

### JOHN WUNN.

John Wunn, one of the well known and respected citizens of Sheffield, has here been continuously engaged in business as a blacksmith for the past thirty-five years, and his labors have been a factor in the growth and upbuilding of the city. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania on the 12th of June, 1853, his parents being Nicholas and Catherine (Jenewein) Wunn, both of whom were natives of Rhenish-Prussia, Germany. The father, who as a boy emigrated to the United States in company with his mother, brothers and sisters, grew to manhood and was married in Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter by trade and in 1855 established his home in Platteville, Wisconsin. His demise occurred in Grant county, that state, when he had attained the age of sixty-seven years, while his wife there passed away at the age of seventy-nine.

John Wunn, who was but two years of age when taken to Wisconsin by his parents, spent his boyhood in Grant county, that state. His father believed that rural surroundings were best in youth and therefore purchased a farm, sending our subject to the district schools. As a young man John Wunn began to learn blacksmithing and had not yet thoroughly mastered that trade when he came to Sheffield, Iowa, in 1878. He joined his brother-in-law in 1879 in a partnership, subsequently purchasing the latter's interest. He has here remained in business continuously for more than a third of a century and is an experienced workman, enjoying a gratifying and profitable patronage. At the time of his arrival Sheffield was a town of two hundred inhabitants. The railroad had been built through several years before, but the country was still new and prairie fires were frequent. The district was sparsely settled and, as no tiling had been done, was one vast swamp in the springtime. In the winter Mr. Wunn has seen as many as forty men shoveling snow to keep the rail-



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road track clear. On one occasion he saw a man killed while looking out of the door of a box car, the door, which was caught on a bank of snow at the side, being pushed shut and crushing the man's skull. The dangers and hardships of pioneer days are only a memory now, for the work of progress has been carried steadily forward and the conveniences and comforts of modern civilization have long been known here. When Mr. Wunn came to Franklin county the McCormick self-rake and another harvest machine called the Buckeye were in use. Next was introduced the Marsh harvester, on which he bound for some time. Mr. Wunn also remembers the Manny reaper used in Wisconsin, a man walking behind the machine and raking the grain off with a fork. Then came the John P. Manny reaper, on which the farmer could seat himself. Since his youth Mr. Wunn has been a hard-working, industrious man, and the prosperity which he now enjoys is indeed well merited.

In this county Mr. Wunn wedded Miss Sarah Greer, now deceased, by whom he had four daughters, as follows: Eliza, who is engaged in teaching at Charles City, Iowa; Pearl, who follows the profession of teaching at Beloit, Wisconsin; Mamie, at home; and Carrie, who is employed as a stenographer at Beloit, Wisconsin. For his second wife he chose Miss Minnie Eno.

In his political views Mr. Wunn is a republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He has ably served as a member of the city council for nine years and for a period of ten years was on the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and with the Masons, having belonged to Pearl Lodge, No. 426, for thirty years. Energetic, diligent and persevering, he is always found reliable in all his business connections and stands for the progressive element in citizenship and for trustworthiness in every relation.

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#### S. H. HOLMES.

S. H. Holmes was actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Franklin county for more than a third of a century, and still owns two hundred acres of valuable land in Richland township, but is now living retired in Sheffield. His birth occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 18th of May, 1848, his parents being George and Eliza (Harting) Holmes, who were born,

reared and married in Pennsylvania. They were among the early settlers of Wayne county, Ohio, and there spent the remainder of their lives. When fifty-two years of age the father was killed by a falling tree. The mother, who married a second time, died when past sixty.

S. H. Holmes was a lad of nine years at the time of his father's tragic death. His retentive mind recalls many of the scenes and happenings of his boyhood. His father was engaged in the manufacture of pumps, chopping logs and boring the holes with a bit. One evening he failed to come home but, thinking he had gone on a visit to the home of a neighbor, his wife and children felt no anxiety. After midnight, however, the wife sent her two sons into the woods with a lantern to seek their father. They found him with his chest and head crushed. It seems that a pin oak tree which he had chopped down had lodged, and when he attempted to dislodge the same, it had fallen and caught him beneath it. S. H. Holmes was often sent after cattle and horses when a boy of but seven or eight years. His father refused to give him a halter or bridle, fearing he might attempt to ride young horses and be injured. Not to be thwarted, however, he was accustomed to cut the limber branch of a tree, making a crotch which he put over the horse's neck after jumping on him. The horse, thinking there was something to hold him, would then go along peacefully. One day, while the horses were drinking from a brook at the base of a steep cliff of overhanging slate rock, the cliff gave way and frightened the animals, and he was thrown into the water by the young horse on which he had been sitting.

Mr. Holmes remained with his mother until about twenty years of age and subsequently worked at the carpenter's trade in Indiana, also spending a short time in the lumber woods of Wisconsin. He was married in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, at the age of twenty-two years, and spent the first year of his wedded life in Michigan, while during the next four and a half years he and his wife resided on a homestead in Kansas. On the expiration of that period they drove from the Sunflower state to Wayne county, Iowa, and at the end of a year came to Franklin county, this state, making the journey in a covered wagon. The year of their arrival was 1877. Mr. Holmes came here with only a dollar and a half in cash and would have had less than that had he not accepted the hospitality of kind people encountered en route. He cultivated rented land for a number of years or until 1893, when his savings enabled him to purchase a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Cerro Gordo county. However, as there were no buildings on this farm he sold it after two years

and bought land in Franklin county. He remodeled the buildings on the property and developed an excellent farm, also augmenting his holdings by additional purchase, so that he now owns two hundred acres. In the spring of 1913 he put aside the active work of the fields and moved to Sheffield, where he has since remained in honorable retirement, owning a comfortable and attractive home on West Main street.

On December 22, 1870, at Gratiot, Wisconsin, Mr. Holmes was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ormrod, who was born in Stockport, England, on the 23d of May, 1852, her parents being James and Elizabeth Ormrod. They emigrated to the United States during the infancy of their daughter Mary, whose first birthday anniversary was spent on the ocean. They first resided at Newport, Rhode Island, afterward removed to Warren, Illinois, and in 1880 came to Sheffield, Iowa, where both passed away. Their son, James Ormrod, of Hampton, is an ex-sheriff of Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have three living children, as follows: Mrs. Fred Cockram, who resides in Richland township; James, assistant cashier of a bank at Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and Arthur, who lives on the home farm. The parents are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which they joined prior to their marriage. Mr. Holmes has always supported the men and measures of the republican party and cast his first presidential ballot for Grant when for the second time he was elected chief executive of the nation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have an extensive circle of warm friends in this county, enjoying the high regard and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact.

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#### C. M. KELLEY

C. M. Kelley is president of The Hampton-Kelley Canning Company, one of the largest productive industries of Iowa. In Hampton, where he makes his home, he is recognized as a business man of force, of broad experience and resourcefulness. He forms his plans readily and seldom fails to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in enlarging and extending its scope he has proven that, like his father, he possesses a spirit of initiative, supplemented by unfaltering enterprise.

Mr. Kelley was born in Bushberg, Missouri, August 18, 1869, and is a son of Henry B. and Rosalinda (Murray) Kelley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. In his early years the father was a farmer and vineyard owner and was associated with Isadore Busch in the wine business near St. Louis, Missouri. He first became connected with the canning industry when in 1872, in company with a brother-in-law, they began evaporating sweet corn at Foster, Warren county, Ohio. Later their plant was located near South Lebanon, Ohio, until 1880. In that year he and his associates embarked in the canning of sweet corn, and in 1882 he began operating a canning factory in Lima, Ohio. The following year he became general manager of the Watson corn and tomato plant at Vinton, Iowa, where he remained until 1891. During the fall of that year and the succeeding spring he perfected the organization of and incorporated the Kelley Canning Company at Vinton, now known as the Iowa Canning Company, operating four plants, one at Laporte City, Iowa, one at Shellsburg, one at Garrison and the fourth at Vinton. In 1889 he went to Waverly, Iowa, where he organized the Kelley Canning Company, and the family still retain their interests there. The business which he successfully organized and instituted grew to be an immense concern, the largest of the kind in the state, and Mr. Kelley was active in its management and control until his death which occurred at Waverly, in June, 1903. He had for many years survived his wife, who passed away March 31, 1883. They were the parents of four children: C. M.; Horace G., manager of a canning plant at Iowa City; George R., manager of a cannery at Grinnell; and Milo F., manager of a cannery at Belle Plaine.

C. M. Kelley was reared at home and started out in business life as a dealer in blooded horses and Jersey cattle. He was thus engaged until 1890, when he disposed of his interests of that character and joined his father in the canning business, establishing the plant at Waverly. In 1902 they built another factory at Forest City and in 1910 C. M. Kelley established the plant at Hampton. He had charge of the Waverly plant from his father's death and gave to it his undivided attention until 1910, when he organized and incorporated The Hampton-Kelley Canning Company at Hampton, Iowa. This plant during six weeks of the busy season, from the 15th of August to the 1st of October, employs two hundred and eighty people. In 1913 they packed the product of between fifteen and sixteen hundred acres of corn, which aggregated one hundred and twenty-five thousand cases, with twenty-four cans to the case. This was

packed under the names of the Cluster brand, Up Town brand and Kelley brand. There is considerable local capital interested in this venture, which has proven to be a most fortunate investment to those who have become interested therein. The plant is one of the most modern and sanitarily equipped plants in the country, having every possible device to aid in the saving of labor and time and to utilize the material to the best advantage in the production of a marketable product. In addition to his connection with The Hampton-Kelley Canning Company as its president Mr. Kelley is vice president of the Forest City (Ia.) Canning Company and is identified with a number of other firms and corporations as an officer or director. Concentrating his energies, however, largely upon the Hampton business, he superintends every detail and under his able management this has expanded rapidly and is today one of the largest concerns of this kind in the state. His position at its head has made frequent demands upon his energy, resourcefulness and sound business judgment and upon those qualities he has founded a success which ranks him with the leading business men of his section of the state.

In 1890 Mr. Kelley was united in marriage with Miss Emma B. Brocken, a native of Benton, Iowa, and both are well known in Hampton. Mr. Kelley is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Mason City. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and while a resident of Waverly served on the city council. He occupies a prominent position in business circles of Franklin county and his interests are of a character that contribute not alone to individual success but also to public prosperity and commercial activity.

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### PHILO L. LOSS.

For a period of over thirty years Philo L. Loss has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county as the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Lee township. During the years he has cultivated this property he has made many substantial contributions to development and progress and has taken his place in the front ranks of progressive and successful agriculturists. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, October 7, 1848, and is a son of Lucius and Mary Ann (Kent) Loss, natives of New York. They came to Iowa in 1867 and located near Hampton. Both have passed away, the father dying May 23, 1896, and the

mother in 1908. To their union were born five children: Malvina, deceased; Philo L., of this review; Ida, the wife of O. A. Cummings, of Hampton; Charles, residing in Minnesota; and Frank, of Hampton.

Philo L. Loss came to Iowa with his parents in 1867, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Lee township, in 1879, and upon this property has carried forward the work of cultivation and improvement for thirty-four years. As a result the farm is in excellent condition, equipped with substantial barns and outbuildings and with everything necessary for the proper conduct of the property along modern and progressive lines.

On the 15th of February, 1876, Mr. Loss was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Fraser, a daughter of John W. and Jane M. (McIntyre) Fraser, natives of New York, of Scotch descent. The parents came to Franklin county in 1870 and located on a farm on section 1, Lee township. The father died October 5, 1888, and the mother September 9, 1903. To their union were born six children: James K., a resident of Big Bend, Wisconsin; John, a resident of Bradford; Mary J., wife of the subject of this review; Belle, at home; Joseph, deceased; and Eleanor, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Loss are members of the Christian church and Mr. Loss is connected fraternally with the Masonic order, being a member of Anchor Lodge, No. 191, A. F. & A. M. of Hampton, and the chapter, R. A. M., of Hampton. He is independent politically and has served as township trustee, proving an able and conscientious official. Having resided upon his farm in Franklin county for thirty-four years, he has become widely known here and is recognized as a man of genuine integrity and worth, a progressive farmer and a useful citizen.

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#### JAMES L. COLLINS, M. D.

Dr. James L. Collins, a successful representative of the medical fraternity in Franklin county, has practiced his profession at Sheffield since January, 1910. His birth occurred in Lee county, Iowa, on the 25th of November, 1875, his parents being R. B. and Thankful (McGregor) Collins, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Columbus, Ohio. R. B. Collins spent his early life in Louisville, Kentucky, and when a youth of sixteen came to Iowa,



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following agricultural pursuits in Lee county throughout his active business career. Both he and his wife have passed away.

James L. Collins spent his boyhood in his native county and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education, while subsequently he pursued a course of study in Cotner University of Lincoln, Nebraska. He then prepared for the practice of medicine in the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons and following his graduation from that institution, in 1909, spent six months with Dr. Haecker at Hampton, Iowa. In January, 1910, he located at Sheffield and has here remained to the present time, his practice having steadily grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He keeps in close touch with the progress of the profession through his membership in the Franklin County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. For one year he served as health physician of Sheffield.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Dr. Collins chose Miss Bertha Carter, a native of Steelville, Missouri, and a daughter of George F. Carter. They have three children: Marion C. and James W., who are seven and two years of age respectively; and Lillian W., who is in her first year. Dr. Collins is a member of the Christian church of Lee county but attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church in Sheffield. He is a stalwart friend of the cause of education and is now serving as president of the school board. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and in every relation of life is actuated by high and honorable principles.

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#### H. E. FRONING.

H. E. Froning, a prosperous and representative citizen of Chapin, is here engaged in the real-estate business, dealing in Iowa and Minnesota lands. His birth occurred in Stephenson county, Illinois, on the 9th of June, 1862, his parents being August and Margaret (Bohen) Froning, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of A. J. Froning, a brother of our subject.

H. E. Froning attended the common schools of his native state in the acquirement of an education and was a young man of twenty-three years when he came with his parents to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1885. He assisted in the operation of the home farm, located east of Sheffield, until the time of his marriage and then purchased an unimproved tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Ross township. The improvement and cultivation of that farm claimed his attention for a number of years. He erected a set of substantial buildings and carried on general agricultural pursuits successfully until 1902, when he removed to Chapin and purchased an elevator, engaging in the grain business until the spring of 1912. Since that time he has devoted his attention to the real-estate business, dealing in Iowa and Minnesota lands. He owns an attractive residence in Chapin and owes his present prosperity entirely to his own efforts, having ever been industrious, energetic and thrifty. He assisted in the organization of the Chapin Savings Bank and has since remained a member of its board of directors.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Froning chose Miss Anna Rust, who was born in Germany on the 13th of October, 1862. Her father, H. A. Rust, deceased, is mentioned at greater length on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of H. A. Rust, Jr., a brother of Mrs. Froning. Our subject and his wife have four daughters and a son, namely: Margaret, Alice, Florence, Catherine and Herman, all at home.

Mr. Froning gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has promoted the interests of the cause of education as a member of the school board. In religious faith he is a Baptist, both he and his wife belonging to the church of that denomination at Sheffield. He has lived in this county for almost three decades and has long been numbered among its capable business men and esteemed citizens.

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#### ROBERT G. ARGENT.

Robert G. Argent, operating the Argent homestead of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 12 and 13, Reeve township, was born in Geneva township, this county, December 23, 1881. He is a son of Thomas F. and Elizabeth (Ginn) Argent, natives of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, who came to Franklin county in April, 1876. Both died in 1912, the father passing away on the 11th of March, and the mother on the 28th of December. To their union

were born six children: William, of Reeve township; Nettie, at home; John, of Steele, North Dakota; Jennie, at home; Robert G., of this review; and Thomas, engaged in the livery business in Hampton, Iowa. Of these children, William married Osie Connor, who passed away leaving four children, Harold, Evan, Thomas and Lester.

Robert G. Argent was reared upon his father's farm and from his childhood aided in its operation, becoming in this way familiar at an early age with the best and most practical agricultural methods. After the death of his father he and his sisters purchased the home-stead, and this property Mr. Argent has since managed. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres and is well improved in every particular, reflecting the care and management of a practical and able agriculturist.

Mr. Argent attends the Methodist church, is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Although he is still a young man he has already demonstrated his ability and worth and will undoubtedly be carried forward into important relations with agricultural interests of his locality.

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#### JOSEPH G. BUSHYAGER.

Joseph G. Bushyager, who has lived in Franklin county for more than a half century, is known as one of its oldest settlers and as one of the few remaining veterans of the great Civil war. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career but during the past six years has lived retired in Sheffield. His birth occurred in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of August, 1842. His father, Henry Bushyager, a native of Pennsylvania and a carpenter by trade, came to Iowa in 1856, settling first in Dubuque and three years later at Shell Rock, Butler county. In the spring of 1860 he purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 18, West Fork township (then known as Ingham township), Franklin county. He hauled the lumber for his first house from Cedar Falls and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, passing away on the 22d of December, 1881. Henry Bushyager was one of the early trustees of the township and subsequently was made a member of the county board of supervisors. In Pittsburgh he had wedded Miss Jane Winters, who died in that

city in 1850. To them were born nine children, five of whom died in infancy. Martha gave her hand in marriage to Frederick Meyers, an early settler and old soldier of Franklin county, whose home was formerly in West Fork township. Mrs. Meyers is now deceased and her husband makes his home in Kansas. Mary, twin sister of Martha, became the wife of Captain John Boyd, a soldier of the Civil war. Pennsylvania remained their home until the time of their demise. Sarah was the wife of Andrew Dorsey, who also participated in the Civil war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey, who lived in Pittsburgh, have passed away.

Joseph G. Bushyager spent his boyhood in the city of his nativity and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. After putting aside his text-books he worked at farm labor until 1860, when he came to Iowa and joined his father in Franklin county. His first crop in this state was cut with a cradle and scythe. In December, 1863, Mr. Bushyager enlisted for service in the Civil war as a private of Company H, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He took part in a skirmish at Fort De Russy and also in the engagement at Pleasant Hill, on the 4th of April, 1864, which was the last battle of the Red River raid. Becoming ill, he was confined in hospitals at Vicksburg, Jefferson Barracks and at Keokuk, Iowa. In the spring of 1865 he received an honorable discharge and returned to the farm in West Fork township. He inherited from his father the old home place of one hundred and five acres and later purchased an additional tract of eighty acres in West Fork township as well as a quarter section of land in Ross township. In the conduct of his general farming interests he met with excellent success, annually gathering bounteous crops, which found a ready sale on the market. In 1907 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Sheffield, where he is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement.

In April, 1867, Mr. Bushyager was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Leidig, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 18th of October, 1849, her parents being George and Mary (Bushyager) Leidig, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1855, settling first in Jackson county, while in 1863 they took up their abode in Clinton township, Franklin county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bushyager have been born nine children, as follows: Janette B., who is the wife of William Bell and resides in Missouri; George L., who wedded Miss Myrtle Scott and resides in Colorado; Henry B., who makes his home in Chicago; Mary E., who is a teacher by profession and lives at home; Lucia L., who was the wife of Lem-

uel M. Bowman, of Chicago, and died in July, 1913; Matilda Jane, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Liekwig, of Sheffield; Alvin J., residing on the old home farm; Zillah, who is the wife of Robert Meyer, of West Fork township; and one, who died in infancy.

Mr. Bushyager exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He served as a school director for many years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. He has witnessed the marvelous transformation that has here occurred as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization, and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. His record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers, for he has an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the community.

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### WILLIAM H. RICHARDS.

William H. Richards is a veteran of the Civil war, living retired in Hampton after many years of close connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county. He was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, February 20, 1843, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Vincent) Richards, natives of England. The parents came to America in 1838 and the father afterward spent the greater portion of his time in California, where he engaged in mining. The father died in 1870 and the mother in December, 1912, at the age of eighty-six years. To their union were born five children: William H., of this review; Sarah, the wife of B. Ball, of Osage, Iowa; Pierce, of Galena, Illinois; James, who died in the Union army during the Civil war; and Joseph, who passed away when he was still a child.

William H. Richards was reared in Illinois and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years, receiving his discharge as color bearer and corporal. He participated in many of the most important engagements of the Civil war, twenty-seven or twenty-eight battles and skirmishes in all, among them the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. His regiment of four hundred men was held as a reserve at Chickamauga and there lost two hundred and fifteen men in six hours of fighting. After his discharge he returned to

Illinois and thence in 1872 moved to Franklin county, Iowa. He bought eighty acres of land in Reeve township and remained upon this farm until his retirement, increasing its dimensions to three hundred and twenty acres and making it by his intelligent management one of the most valuable and productive farms in the locality. In 1904 Mr. Richards disposed of his property and moved into Hampton, where he now resides.

On the 3d of July, 1870, Mr. Richards married Miss Sarah Combellick, a native of Illinois, and they became the parents of nine children: Alice, the wife of E. Sheppard, of Reeve township; Anna E., deceased; Edith, the widow of William Thorpe; James Howard, who is operating the old homestead in Reeve township; Sarah Lillian, the wife of Arthur Rick, of Plankington, South Dakota; Ruth, who married William Luke, of Bradford, Iowa; Gertrude, the wife of Leslie Hobbie; J. Thomas Harvey, engaged in farming; and Phyllis Irene, at home.

Mr. Richards is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served with credit and ability as school director. Throughout the entire period of his residence in Franklin county he has contributed in substantial measure to community growth and upbuilding, and his retirement rewards many years of earnest and faithful labor.

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#### CLAUD H. WELTY.

Claud H. Welty is closely associated with mercantile interests of Hampton as a successful druggist. He was born in this city September 20, 1877, and is a son of William H. and Josephine (Hamilton) Welty, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Wisconsin. They are now residents of Hampton. To their union were born two children: Gourney, of Chicago, Illinois; and Claud H., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of Hampton and since laying aside his books has been connected with the drug business here, his long experience in this line being one of the important factors in his success. He passed his examination as a registered pharmacist in 1900 and in 1906 formed a partnership with O. E. Hickethier in the drug business. Five



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years later he purchased his partner's interest and since that time has conducted the store alone. He carries a complete line of drugs and sundries and controls a patronage which is constantly increasing in volume and importance, owing to his straightforward business methods, his reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his patrons.

On the 28th of February, 1901, Mr. Welty married Miss Alice Hickethier, and both are well known in social circles of Hampton. Mr. Welty is a member of the Baptist church, is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is a progressive business man and through legitimate lines of trade is now building up a growing business, that is indicative of his spirit of enterprise and determination.

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### WILLIAM B. BRYAN.

William B. Bryan, a retired farmer living in Hampton, after many years of close connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county, was born in George county, Ohio, July 10, 1837. He is a son of Abraham and Polly (Beardsley) Bryan, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. In 1870 the parents moved to Franklin county and located in Geneva township, where the father engaged in farming until his death in 1873. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born seven children: Orlando; Harrison; Albert; William B., of this review; George; Mary, a resident of Hampton; and Ann, the widow of Donald Miller, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

During the entire period of his active life William Bryan has engaged in agricultural pursuits. He acquired valuable land holdings in Franklin county, accumulating four hundred and thirty-three acres of valuable land which he has since sold. The years brought him a gratifying degree of success in the conduct of his farming and stock-raising interests, and eventually he retired from active life, moving into Hampton, where he has since resided. He occupies a fine home on Second street and is well and favorably known in the city.

On the 25th of December, 1866, Mr. Bryan was united in marriage to Miss Susan Townsend, a native of Illinois and they became the parents of nine children: George Sherman, a farmer of Alla-

makee county; Harry H., deceased; Ernest T., residing in Emmet county; Ray S., who also resides in Emmet county, Iowa; Wayne, who died in infancy; Mary Winona, at home; Irving, a resident of Emmet county; Olive, the wife of C. Sharpe of Hampton; and Earl H., at home.

Mr. Bryan is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company H, Ninety-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry on the 15th of August, 1862. He served three years and during that time took part in various important engagements, receiving three wounds at the battle of Lookout Mountain. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, and received his honorable discharge at Chicago, Illinois, on the 25th of July, 1865.

He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, is a member of the Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held various positions of public trust and responsibility and was for nine years president of the board of Geneva township. He is a man whose industry, ability and integrity have won for him the prosperity which he enjoys today and have placed him in the foremost rank as a representative citizen of the community.

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### GEORGE L. R. HUMKE.

George L. R. Humke, one of the progressive and active young farmers of Osceola township, is operating a portion of the farm upon which he was born December 19, 1886. He is a son of Charles F. Humke, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

George L. R. Humke was reared at home and early became familiar with the best agricultural methods through practical experience upon his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he rented one hundred and twenty acres of the homestead, which lies on section 36, Osceola township, and here he has since engaged in general farming, stock-raising and poultry-raising. He is gradually extending his interests in the latter department, which has proven exceedingly profitable and important.

On the 9th of March, 1911, Mr. Humke was united in marriage to Miss Ida Jansonius, a native of Butler county, this state, and a daughter of John and Margaret (Neymeyer) Jansonius, natives of Holland and now residents of Butler county. Mr. Humke is a mem-

ber of the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He takes an intelligent interest in the welfare and growth of his native township, but is not active politically, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, in which he is meeting with gratifying and well deserved success.

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### L. S. SHOWALTER.

Agricultural interests of Franklin county find a worthy and progressive representative in L. S. Showalter, who operates the old Showalter homestead of two hundred and forty acres in Reeve township. He was born in Freeport, Illinois, June 25, 1875, and is a son of Charles F. and Permelia L. (Scott) Showalter. The former was born in Pennsylvania, June 25, 1849, his parents being John S. and Mary (Millwood) Showalter, also natives of the Keystone state. John S. Showalter moved from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin and thence to Illinois, where he passed away. He had the following children: Josiah M. and Osborne, deceased; Charles F., father of the subject of this review; John W., deceased; Emma, the wife of I. Eastman, of Monmouth, Illinois; Carrie, who married William Currier, of Freeport, Illinois; Frank; and a son, who died in infancy.

Charles F. Showalter began his independent career in Illinois, where he engaged in farming and also operated a threshing machine until 1885. In that year he moved to Franklin county and bought two hundred and forty acres of fine land in Reeve township. To this he later added an additional two hundred acres and upon this property engaged in general farming and stock-raising, shipping his animals to the eastern market, where they obtained a ready sale. He became one of the best known and most progressive agriculturists in this part of the county and contributed in substantial measure to its growth and development. In 1909 he retired from active life and moved into Hampton, where he has since resided. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Permelia Scott, mother of the subject of this review. To their union was born a son, L. S., of this review. After the death of his first wife Charles F. Showalter married Miss Isabelle Vought and they became the parents of five children: Lillian, the wife of Fred Kron, of Reeve township; Godfrey, also of Reeve township; Mary, the wife of G. W. Fox, of Reeve township; Emma, at home; and Charles, of Freeport, Illinois. Charles F. Showalter is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with

the Knights of Pythias. He is independent in his political views and has held a number of township offices, being public-spirited and progressive in matters of citizenship. He has become well and favorably known in Hampton, where he is spending his retired life.

L. S. Showalter was reared upon his father's farm in Reeve township and remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age. He then rented one hundred and eighty acres near the homestead and after operating this for three years rented four hundred and eighty acres in Hamilton township. He remained upon this place for eight years, after which he rented his father's farm of two hundred and forty acres, upon which he has since resided. Having grown up on the farm and having been familiar with the details of farm operation since his childhood, he has met with most gratifying success in the conduct of his agricultural and stock-raising interests and is recognized today as one of the progressive and representative farmers of Franklin county.

On the 29th of November, 1899, Mr. Showalter married Miss Nellie May King, a native of Illinois, and they became the parents of three children: Pearl Genevieve; May, who has passed away; and Mildred Alice, born June 29, 1913. Mr. Showalter attends the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man whose actions have always conformed to a high standard of business and personal ethics, and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in his community.

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#### JAMES COOK.

James Cook is cashier of the Alexander Savings Bank, one of the solid financial institutions of Franklin county and this section of the state. His has been an active, useful life, crowned with success which results from close application when combined with earnest effort and honorable purpose. He was born in England, January 23, 1864, a son of James and Hariette (Newby) Cook. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. He died in 1900, and the mother passed away in 1896. She never came to the United States.

James Cook of this review was educated in the common schools of England and after completing his studies he worked on his father's farm until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then determined to try his fortune in America, for he had heard many reports



JAMES COOK



concerning the country and its opportunities. On the 15th of June, 1882, he arrived in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming for about twelve years, or until 1894, when he came to Franklin county. He then engaged in the restaurant business for awhile and in 1895 built a hotel in Alexander, which he conducted until 1900. He then turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he was engaged for two years. In 1902 he took charge of the Alexander Savings Bank as its cashier. He may well be proud of his success, for since he has become one of the officers the bank has steadily grown and prospered, owing in no small measure to his efforts and capable management. This is today one of the strongest financial institutions in central Iowa.

On the 10th of June, 1884, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Cook, who was born October 11, 1857, and was educated in the common schools of Canada. They have no children of their own, but have adopted two daughters: Bessie, now nineteen years of age; and Myrtle, aged eight. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the Congregational church, loyal to its teachings, active in its work and generous in its support.

In his political beliefs Mr. Cook is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire public office. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is genial and companionable, possessing many attractive social qualities which have made him popular with those with whom he has come in contact. In spite of the fact that his early advantages were comparatively few, he has steadily worked his way upward, and he stands today among the prosperous and enterprising business men of the town in which he makes his home.

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#### FRED W. CLAWSON.

Fred W. Clawson, engaging in general farming and stock-raising upon two hundred and forty-seven acres of land near Ackley, is a native of Iowa, born August 11, 1875. He is a son of Jacob and Annie Clawson, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1870. They located near Des Moines, Iowa, and came from there to Franklin county in 1901, taking up their residence on a farm on section 35, Osceola township. They now reside in Ackley. To their union were born fourteen children: John, deceased; Samuel, a resident of

Hampton; Leonard, of Franklin county; Fred W., of this review; George, of Butler county; Herman, a resident of Geneva; Elizabeth, the wife of W. Byers, of Franklin county; Anna, who married S. Kramer, of Butler county; Nellie, William and Mary, who live at home; and three children, who died in infancy.

Fred W. Clawson was reared upon his father's farm in Franklin county and acquired his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he began his independent career, renting land from his father in Butler county. In 1911 he purchased the home place of two hundred and forty-seven acres on section 35, Osceola township, and here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, his interests along both lines being extensive and important. The farm is well improved in every particular and reflects the labor and care which the owner bestows upon it.

On the 2d of January, 1905, Mr. Clawson married Miss Lydia Bauer, a native of Franklin county, and to this union have been born two children: Elizabeth, whose birth occurred December 12, 1906; and Pearl, born August 20, 1911. Mr. Clawson is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man of high moral character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and integrity have always merited him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

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### WILLIAM KEEFE.

William Keefe, who passed away on the 17th of August, 1904, was for many years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Franklin county and at the time of his death owned four hundred and forty-four acres of valuable land. He was born in Canada and is a son of John and Catherine (Mulroney) Keefe, natives of Ireland. He came to Franklin county in 1872 and bought forty acres of land, to which he steadily added until he had accumulated four hundred and forty-four acres. Upon this fine property he carried on general farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred August 17, 1904. He followed the most modern methods of agriculture and was widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Keefe married Miss Rose McCaffrey, a native of Canada, and they became the parents of nine children: John and Jennie, at home; Dell, the wife of Ed Mahoney, of San Francisco, California;

Sylvester, a traveling salesman; James, Anna, Josephine and Adeline, at home; and Frank, who has passed away. Mr. Keefe was a member of the Roman Catholic church and gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he won the esteem of those with whom he came in contact, and his death was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

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### WILLIAM WOLF.

William Wolf, who since 1874 has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and who is known today as one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Mott township, was born in Germany, September 5, 1845. He is a son of Michael and Margaret (Magley) Wolf, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1846 and located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the mother passed away. The father afterward moved to Madison, Wisconsin, and there followed the baker's trade and also engaged in farming. He died in 1871. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Abraham, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota; William, of this review; Caroline, who married William Uphoff, of Chicago, Illinois; George, who died at the age of one year; and two other children, who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife the father married Mrs. Rosina (Lasse) Klonsia, and to this union were born six children: John, of Kimball, South Dakota; George, of Mount Vernon, Washington; Rosa, the wife of Frank Smith, of Platte, South Dakota; David, of Kimball, South Dakota; and Adolph and Dora, also of Kimball.

William Wolf acquired his education in the public schools of Wisconsin and was obliged to walk three miles to reach the school-house. When he was between sixteen and seventeen years of age he enlisted in the First Wisconsin Cavalry. While he was with an advance guard of about one hundred and fifty men at Langee Ferry, Arkansas, they were surrounded by a force of rebels over six hundred strong and would have been captured had not the regiment to which they belonged come to their assistance in time. During the skirmish many were killed and our subject was wounded seven times and still carries a rifle ball in his leg and part of the buckshot received then in the head and neck. He received his honorable discharge after one year's service at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and returned thence to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1874. In that year he came to

Franklin county, Iowa, and immediately turned his attention to farming, buying eighty acres of land in Mott township. He has since added to this property until it now comprises four hundred and forty acres, and he owns, besides, a half interest in two hundred and eighty acres in Ingham township. Upon the first farm he has erected a modern two story home, substantial barns and outbuildings and has provided the place with all modern equipment. He is also a stockholder in the State Savings Bank. Success has rewarded his well directed efforts, and he is today in control of a valuable property, which reflects everywhere the care and supervision he bestows upon it.

On the 1st of January, 1874, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Cecelia Shockely, and they became the parents of six children: Katie, who married Simon Wolf, of Mott township; Edith A., the wife of Theodore Wolf, of Mott township; Charles F., also of Mott township; Mary H., who lives at home; George M., a farmer in Mott township; and Reuben G., at home. Mr. Wolf is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to the Christian church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served efficiently and conscientiously as township trustee. He has been for thirty-nine years numbered among the progressive and active farmers and stock-raisers of Franklin county, and his success is well merited, as it has come to him as a reward of labor.

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#### L. CLARENCE MOORE.

L. Clarence Moore, a well known business man of Hampton connected with commercial interests as the proprietor of a large livery, was born in Audrain county, Missouri, March 16, 1881. He is a son of Leander and Florence Jennie (Warren) Moore, natives of Kentucky. The father engaged in farming during the entire period of his active life and is now living retired. In his family were five children: Ollie, the wife of H. Utterback, of Clayton, New Mexico; Effie, who married F. M. Brashears, of Laddonia, Missouri; Arthur, a resident of San Francisco, California; L. Clarence, of this review; and Hubert, of Franklin county.

When L. Clarence Moore was twenty years of age he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and turned his attention to farming, following this occupation for four years. At the end of that time he moved to Missouri but after two years returned to Franklin county, where

he lived upon a farm belonging to his father-in-law for three years. He then moved into Hampton and established himself in the livery business, with which he has since been connected. He is ambitious, enterprising and energetic and has built up a large and profitable patronage, for his prices are reasonable and his service prompt.

On November 23, 1903, Mr. Moore married Miss Bessie Eberhart, a native of Illinois, and they became the parents of two children: Helen, who died in infancy; and Orville, born May 23, 1910. Mr. Moore is a member of the Christian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is an active, intelligent and progressive business man and one of the valued and representative citizens of Hampton.

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### JOHN H. SHERER.

John H. Sherer, who since 1891 has owned and operated a fine property of one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Reeve township, was born in Ulster county, New York, May 17, 1863. He is a son of Jacob and Lena (Hilt) Sherer, natives of Germany. The father was a stone mason and carpenter by trade and followed these occupations in New York state until his death. His wife has also passed away. Six children were born to their union: Jacob, of Cohoes, New York; Henry, of Wisconsin; Frank, a resident of Iowa Falls, Iowa; John H., of this review; W. M., of Watertown, South Dakota; and Lena, deceased.

John H. Sherer was eight years of age when his mother died and he was taken to Iowa, where he entered the home of Richard Horner near Geneva. There he remained until he was seventeen years of age, when he began earning his own livelihood, engaging in teaming and in the general merchandise business in Hampton. In 1891 he bought one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land on section 8, Reeve township, and this he has developed and improved since that time, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He has met with a gratifying degree of success, for he gives his farm careful personal supervision and follows always the best and most modern agricultural methods.

On the 27th of September, 1886, Mr. Sherer married Miss Hattie Kibbe, a native of Wisconsin, who has lived in Franklin county since she was three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sherer have become the parents of seven children: Mabel, the wife of Ed Christensen, of

Marion township; Maud, who married Ray Hobson, living three miles east of Hampton; Flo; Roy; Nellie; Lottie; and William.

Mr. Sherer is a member of the Christian church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for nineteen years secretary of the school board, of which he is now president. He stands for progress at all times and seeks his own success and the advancement of the community along lines which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

### EVAN ENGEBRETSON.

Evan Engebretson, living in retirement in a comfortable home on Maple street, in Hampton, was born in Norway, March 5, 1851. He is a son of Ole and Agnes (Peterson) Engebretson, also natives of Norway, who came to America in 1857, locating in Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming. They afterward came by wagon to Butler county, Iowa, and thence to Blackhawk county, where they remained until 1868. In that year they came to Franklin county and located in Richland township, where the father died February 3, 1905, having survived his wife since December 20, 1898. To their union were born five children: Evan, of this review; Peter, of Thornton, Iowa; Martin, a resident of Sheffield; Ella, the wife of W. H. Rowe; and Gina, of Thornton.

Evan Engebretson remained with his father until he was twenty-one years of age and then began farming upon rented land, continuing thus until 1880. In that year he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township and to this added from time to time, owning today a half section in Richland township and one hundred and sixty acres in West Fork township. Mr. Engebretson developed and improved this property for twenty-two years, bringing it to a high state of cultivation and winning for himself a place among the representative and substantial agriculturists of the community. In 1902 he retired from active life and moved into Hampton, where he owns a comfortable and modern home on Maple street.

On the 10th of November, 1873, Mr. Engebretson married Miss Mattie Johnson and they have become the parents of four children: Annie, the wife of James Skinner, of Thornton; Oscar, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Hampton, and who married Lillian Gottrell; Edwin, of Hampton; and Arthur, of Hampton.





EVAN ENGEBRETSON



MRS. EVAN ENGBRETSON



Mr. Engebretson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the prohibition party, serving at the present time as school director. During his active career he contributed substantially to the agricultural development of his locality and his present retirement is well deserved, rewarding many years of earnest and faithful labor.

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### G. W. CRAWFORD.

G. W. Crawford, one of the venerable and respected citizens of Chapin, where he has lived retired for the past six years, was one of the earliest settlers of Ross township and has been a resident of Franklin county for the past forty-eight years. During his active business career he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits and merchandising and also conducted a lumberyard at one time. His birth occurred in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of February, 1838, his parents being J. V. and Melinda (McGee) Crawford, likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father was a blacksmith by trade.

G. W. Crawford learned the milling trade and worked at that occupation in Pennsylvania until twenty-one years of age, removing to Illinois in 1859. He spent a year at Mount Carroll and in 1860 went to Pike's Peak in search of gold, remaining there during one summer. Returning to Illinois, he continued in that state for another year and then came to Iowa, working at the cooper's trade in Cedar Falls, Blackhawk county, until 1865. In that year he made his way to Franklin county and located on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he had purchased in the previous year. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention for many years, and he likewise conducted a mercantile establishment in Chapin for several years, as well as a lumberyard. Subsequently he returned to his farm and in 1907 took up his abode in the village of Chapin, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. His undertakings both as an agriculturist and as a merchant were attended with a gratifying measure of success, and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and esteemed citizens of his community.

In 1862 Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Celia E. Willis, a native of New York state, by whom he had eleven children, nine of whom still survive, as follows: Charles A., and Edward V., both still at home; Sidney H., who conducts a lumberyard at Swale-

dale, Iowa; Garfield, living on a claim in Wyoming; Annie M., who is the wife of N. E. Thomas, of Franklin county, Iowa; Gertrude, who gave her hand in marriage to E. S. Leech, of Dexter, Minnesota; Florence, the wife of M. R. Dickson, of Marmarth, North Dakota; Clara, who is the wife of D. E. Kenyon, cashier of the Chapin Savings Bank; and Paul, assistant cashier of the Chapin Savings Bank, who wedded Sabina Sullivan.

In politics Mr. Crawford is an old-line republican. He has held a number of minor township offices and has ever discharged his public duties in a creditable and efficient manner. Formerly he was identified with the Masonic fraternity. He has for several years been afflicted with asthma and has suffered much therefrom. Mr. Crawford has passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### FRED KAPPEN.

A fine property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Lee township, known as the East Lee View Farm, is the property of Fred Kappen, and its excellent condition is the visible evidence of the care and labor he has bestowed upon it since it came into his possession in 1893. Mr. Kappen is a native of Germany, born November 5th, 1858, a son of Ludwig and Hannah (Welletz) Kappen, also natives of that country, the former of whom died in Germany. To their union were born five children: Fred, of this review; Minnie, the wife of F. Sharving, of Germany; Sophie, who married John Shocknecht, a resident of Illinois; and Mary and Caroline, deceased.

Fred Kappen came to America in 1882 and located in Illinois, where he remained until 1890. He then moved to Franklin county, Iowa, and in 1893 bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Lee township. This is known as the East Lee View Farm and has become, under Mr. Kappen's able management, one of the finest agricultural properties in his locality. It is equipped with substantial buildings and modern machinery and nothing has been neglected which would add to its appearance or value.

Mr. Kappen has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Caroline Matzenburg, and they became the parents of three children: Carl, a resident of Illinois; Bertha, the wife of George Diercks, of

South Dakota; and Ida, who married F. Powers, of Hampton. Mrs. Kappen died in 1884. On the 6th of November, 1886, Mr. Kappen married Miss Wilhemena Matzenburg, a sister of his former wife. In this family were six children: Mary, the wife of William Christian, of Illinois; Christ and Caroline, who have passed away; Fredericka, the wife of William Westfall, of Illinois; Sophia, deceased; and Wilhemena, the wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Kappen have three children: Emma, the wife of Herman Meyer, of Grant township; and Elmer and Fred, at home.

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### EDWARD A. BEEMER.

Edward A. Beemer, who in an influential way has been for over thirty years identified with farming interests of Franklin county and whose enterprise has contributed much toward the financial betterment of the community, was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 6, 1848. He is a son of William and Evaline (Rhutan) Beemer, natives of New Jersey. They went to Wisconsin in 1850 and moved from that state to Illinois, where the father died May 12, 1881. He had survived his wife since 1874. To their union were born nine children: Martha, who married H. J. Millard, of Hampton; Julia Ann, who has passed away; Hannah E. and Rosella deceased; Margaret Elnora, the widow of N. E. Judd, of Rockford, Illinois; Edward A., of this review; two sons, who died in infancy; and Mary, the wife of O. B. Bates, of Hampton.

When Edward A. Beemer was twenty-one years of age he took charge of his father's farm in Illinois, and this property he operated for about six years. At the end of that time he moved to Cherokee county, Iowa, and in 1882 came to Franklin county, where he rented land for one year. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres on section 17, Reeve township, to which he afterward added forty-four acres. This property he still owns and it is in a high state of cultivation and provided with all the requisites for the successful operation of the farm. Mr. Beemer specializes in breeding high-grade, shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs.

On the 22d of September, 1869, Mr. Beemer was united in marriage to Miss Ellen A. Bates, who died July 27, 1904, leaving two children: Willis E., of Reeve township; and William A., of West Fork township. On the 8th of October, 1907, Mr. Beemer was again married, his second union being with Miss Jennie E. Johnston, a

daughter of James J. Johnston, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Beemer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man whose industry, honesty and success have made him influential in the affairs of the township, and he commands the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

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### N. B. McCLINTOCK.

N. B. McClintock, a successful and enterprising agriculturist of Franklin county, owns and operates a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 32, Ross township, and for several years has been making a specialty of the raising of registered Poland China hogs. He has resided in this county continuously for a period of thirty-five years and has improved two farms. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania on the 7th of July, 1850, his parents being Francis M. and Susan (Baird) McClintock, the former born in Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, and the latter a native of Scotland. Their marriage was celebrated in the Keystone state. In 1851 they came to Iowa, settling in Clinton county, where they spent the remainder of their lives on a farm.

N. B. McClintock spent his boyhood on the home farm in Clinton county, Iowa, and attended the common schools in the acquirement of his early education, while subsequently he pursued a course of study in Cornell College of Mount Vernon. He then took up the profession of school teaching and taught in Clinton and Franklin counties for thirty terms, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. It was in the spring of 1878 that he came to this county. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of raw land in Richland township and began the arduous task of improving the property. There he successfully carried on farming until 1900 and then disposed of the place, purchasing an unimproved tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 32, Ross township. He has developed the property until it is now valuable and productive and has erected thereon a set of commodious and substantial buildings. For several years past he has made a specialty of registered Poland China hogs, raising an average of fifty head annually, which he sells for breeding purposes. He is a well educated man of untiring energy and keen intellect who has always worked hard and

been wise in his expenditures. He has been enabled to provide his children with excellent educational advantages and has every reason to be proud of them.

In Clinton county Mr. McClintock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth E. Pray, a native of Illinois, by whom he has four children. Francis N., a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, is engaged in the profession of teaching at Coulter, Iowa. Alice L., who likewise attended the Iowa State Teachers' College and taught for a time, is now employed as operator and station agent at Chapin by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. Gordon B. is in the service of the Northern Pacific Railway at Seattle, Washington. Stanley H. McClintock is farming in partnership with his father.

In his political views Mr. McClintock is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He has held a township office of one kind or another during the entire period of his residence here and has ever discharged his public duties in a prompt and capable manner. He has served as clerk in both Richland and Ross townships and is now a justice of the peace in the latter. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church at Chapin, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. In matters of citizenship he is intensely loyal and public-spirited and gives his unqualified indorsement and cooperation to every movement inaugurated that will promote the welfare of the community along the various lines of human activity.

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#### MARTIN L. SHROYER.

Martin L. Shroyer, a native son of Reeve township and today one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of that locality was born November 6, 1862, and is a son of Lewis and Johannah F. (Jones) Shroyer, the former a native of Virginia who went to Indiana in his younger days and moved from that state to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1855. He located in Reeve township and for some time operated a sawmill there, after which he turned his attention to farming. He also worked at the carpenter's trade and helped to erect some of the first buildings in Reeve township. He died here October 23, 1905, and is survived by his wife, who makes her home with the subject of this review. To their union were born five children: a son, who died in infancy; Dennis Walter, of Reeve township; Clara,

who married James A. Green of Alexander, Iowa; Martin L., of this review; and Victor E., of Geneva.

Martin L. Shroyer was reared in Reeve township and acquired his education in the district schools. In 1891 he bought one hundred acres of land on section 16 and to this he has since added sixty acres, bringing the farm to its present proportions. General farming and stock-raising command his attention, and by intelligent management and constant supervision he has been very successful along both lines.

On the 24th of March, 1897, Mr. Shroyer married Miss Mabel Showalter and to this union has been born a daughter, Doris Marguerite, who lives at home. Mr. Shroyer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His worth is widely acknowledged, his enterprise having gained him a prominent place in agricultural circles, and his integrity and standing are unquestioned facts in his life record.

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#### ABRAHAM J. HOBSON, M. D.

Dr. Abraham J. Hobson is engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in Hampton. Success in considerable measure has attended his efforts, for his knowledge of the principles of medicine is wide and comprehensive, and he performs all of his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation productive of excellent results. Dr. Hobson was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, September 27, 1859, and is a son of William and Mary (Colwell) Hobson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Ireland. The father went to Poweshiek county from Lee county, Iowa, in 1854 and thence to Franklin county in 1865, engaging in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred September 6, 1891. His wife survived him a number of years, dying in September, 1902. To their union were born nine children: J. C., a farmer and fruit raiser in Missouri; Rebecca, the wife of L. S. Sayre, of Minnesota; Eliza, who married David Cogswell, of Nebraska; Joseph, of the same state; Benjamin F. and John W., deceased; Dr. Abraham J., of this review; William, who passed away in infancy; and Dr. Thomas A., a physician in Parkersburg, Iowa.

Spending his youthful days in his native state, Dr. Hobson attended the Friends Academy at Legrand, Iowa, and afterward entered the medical department of the State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1884. He began the



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practice of his profession in Bristow, Iowa. In 1891 he went to Philadelphia and took a post-graduate course of one year, from which he graduated in 1892, after which he moved to Hampton and has since engaged in general practice here. He has become known as a capable and conscientious physician, well versed in the underlying principles of medicine and in touch with the trend of modern medical advancement through constant reading and research.

Dr. Hobson has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Ella Johnson who died in 1891, leaving a son, Dr. Carl Lyle Hobson, who became his father's partner in the practice of medicine and whose untimely death on the 14th of November, 1913, was the occasion of deep regret to all who knew him. He was born in Bristow, Iowa, August 29, 1886, and was but five years of age when his mother passed away in April, 1891.

Dr. C. L. Hobson began his education in the public schools, afterward attended college and manifested special aptitude in his studies. It was in 1904 that he was graduated from the high school of Hampton, thus receiving the preparatory training that enabled him to become a student in the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. His more specifically classical course was there completed in 1908. He determined to devote his attention to the profession which his father was making his life work and entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia and was graduated in 1910. The following year he formed a partnership with his father and it is said of him that, "his genial manner, clear mind and quick sympathy with the afflicted made him universally beloved and gained for him a host of friends who held it an inestimable privilege to be associated with one so courteous, so manly, so true." In his career he was very successful, proving an able assistant to his father. On the 12th of October, 1911, he wedded Miss Viola C. Dinsmoor, of Austin, Minnesota, who survives him. He was but in the twenty-eighth year of his age when disease laid its hand upon him and his young life was brought to a close. A resolution passed by the Franklin County Medical Society said: "On November 14, 1913, there passed away in the prime of his life, with an exceptionally bright and prosperous future before him, a loyal member of this society and a sincere friend of every one in this community, Dr. Carl L. Hobson, of Hampton, Iowa. As a member of this society, as a physician and as a man, Dr. Hobson always stood for the highest ideals, clean and ambitious. In his death the community has lost a valuable citizen, and each of us feels a personal loss. We are grieved

by his departure, but are glad in the thought that it was good to have known him. His life will live long in our hearts as an example for those who would know and attain noble manhood."

After the death of his first wife Dr. Abraham J. Hobson married Miss Isabelle Milloy, of Brantford, Canada, the wedding taking place on the 4th of May, 1895, and to them have been born two children: Isabella, whose birth occurred November 17, 1898; and Abraham J., Jr., born May 21, 1903.

Dr. Hobson is very prominent in Masonry, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and his interest in the moral progress of the community is shown by his activity in the Congregational church, in which he has for fifteen years been a member of the official board. In all matters of citizenship relating to the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the community he is deeply interested, and his efforts have been a substantial element in bringing about desired results.

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### WOLBERTUS GRUIS.

Wolbertus Gruis, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Osceola township, whereon he has resided since 1907, was born in Germany, December 18, 1864. He is a son of W. and Fannie (Lukin) Gruis, also natives of Germany, where both passed away, the mother's death occurring January 19, 1914. In their family were seven children: Harm and Barrand, deceased; Telaho, the wife of George Bolhman, of Grundy county, Iowa; Gertrude, a resident of Germany; Wolbertus, of this review; Henry, of Hancock county, Iowa; and Fannie, of Germany.

Wolbertus Gruis acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, attending until he was fourteen years of age. He then turned his attention to farming, following this occupation in Germany for two years, after which he emigrated to America, settling in the vicinity of Ackley, Franklin county, Iowa. In 1907 he made his first purchase of land, buying one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Osceola township. Upon this property he has made excellent improvements in building and equipment and has so intelligently managed his farming and stock-raising interests that they have today become extensive and important.

Mr. Gruis married Miss Maggie Miller, in 1896, a native of Stephenson county, Illinois. He attends the Lutheran church and is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures rather than parties. He early learned that industry is the foundation stone of success and as the years have passed has labored diligently and perseveringly to gain a comfortable competency and to win for himself a creditable position in business circles. The course he has followed has commended him to the confidence and good-will of all, and he has an extensive circle of friends throughout Franklin county.

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### J. NELSON SWITZER.

J. Nelson Switzer, carrying on general stock farming upon two hundred and forty acres of land on section 29, Geneva township, was born in the province of Toronto, Canada, April 8, 1856. He is a son of James and Mary Ann (Weaver) Switzer, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Canada. The parents came to Iowa in 1866 and located near Ackley, in Franklin county, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born six children: Phoebe Ann, the wife of William Harris, of Michigan; J. Nelson, of this review; Jennie, who married J. N. Burwell, of Mason City, Iowa; John H., of Geneva; Francis, deceased; and I. B., of Hampton.

J. Nelson Switzer came to Iowa with his parents in 1866 and grew to manhood here, acquiring his education in the public schools. At the early age of twelve he began working as a farm laborer, and he has engaged in agricultural pursuits continuously since that time. In 1903 he purchased two hundred and twenty-nine acres of land in Grant township and after seven years sold this and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Geneva township. He disposed of this in 1913, purchasing two hundred and forty acres on section 29. This property Mr. Switzer will call the Fairview Stock Farm, and he will develop it as a general stock farm. He has erected a one hundred and thirty ton silo, a hog house, twenty by sixty feet in dimensions, and is now building a barn fifty-eight by sixty-four feet, in addition to other substantial and modern outbuildings. The farm is already one of the finest in this locality and under Mr. Switzer's able management will undoubtedly become still more productive and valuable.

Mr. Switzer married Miss Rachel Peterson, a native of Iowa, and they became the parents of two children: Mabel, who married

Elmer Sawyer, of Sheffield; and Lottie, who lives at home. Mr. Switzer's first wife passed away and after her death he married Mrs. Lydia Mulnix Corbin, a native of Illinois.

Mr. Switzer is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and is a devout member of the Methodist church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he has been township trustee for the past sixteen years, proving capable and reliable in the discharge of his duties. He has many friends in Franklin county, where he has so long made his home and where he has attained the success which results from industry directed by good judgment.

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### PETER PETERSEN.

A man whose energy, enterprise and ambition carried him through early struggles against poverty and hardship and have brought him today to a position among the leading agriculturists of Franklin county is Peter Petersen, who owns and operates a fine property of two hundred acres in the northeast quarter of section 6, Richland township. He started upon his active career empty-handed and has steadily worked his way upward to success. He was born in Denmark, July 31, 1859, and is a son of Nels and Caroline (Bertelsen) Petersen, the former born May 31, 1838, and the latter December 10, 1834. The parents came to the United States in 1881 and lived upon a farm in Franklin county until the father retired from active life. They then moved to Thornton, Iowa, where they now reside. In their family were eight children: Peter, of this review; Soren, a large landowner in Franklin county, living retired in Thornton; Annie, the wife of Peter Sorensen, of Cerro Gordo county; Nick, a resident of Platte, South Dakota; Ella, the wife of Henry Beck, of Thornton, Iowa; Lena, who married Nick Ytsen, of Wisner township, this county; and two, who died in infancy.

Peter Petersen spent his boyhood in his native country and acquired a public-school education there. He came to the United States in 1879 and went immediately to Dakota territory, where he worked by the month for a year and a half, receiving ten dollars a month. From this salary he saved enough money to bring his parents to America. He came to Franklin county in the fall of 1880 and here worked as a farm laborer for about three years, after which he rented a farm in Wisner township for two years. At the end of that time



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he was able to make his first purchase of land, buying the northeast quarter of section 31, Pleasant Valley township, in Cerro Gordo county. From 1884 to 1892 he made his home upon this property and then disposed of it, buying the farm which he now operates. This comprises two hundred acres on section 6, Richland township, Franklin county, and is one of the most attractive and valuable farms in the community. It was only slightly improved when it came into Mr. Petersen's possession but is now in a high state of cultivation, provided with a good set of buildings and excellent machinery. Mr. Petersen follows the most practical methods in the conduct of his property, and his success places him in the front ranks of progressive farmers.

In Franklin county, July 4, 1883, Mr. Petersen married Miss Anna Christina Holm, who was born in Denmark, July 10, 1862. She is a daughter of Nels Jacob and Hannah Holm, the former of whom has passed away. The mother makes her home in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen became the parents of seven children: Nels M., who lives at home; Katie June, the wife of Axel Juhl, of Cerro Gordo county; Annie, Mary and Soren, at home; Nels, who died in infancy; and Lena, who passed away in 1913 at the age of twenty-three. Mr. Petersen is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of this county, and his success is the more creditable to him since it has been gained entirely through his own efforts. He is well and favorably known in his locality, his upright life having always commanded respect and esteem.

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#### R. C. DAVENPORT.

R. C. Davenport, whose residence in Franklin county covers more than four decades, holds the office of postmaster in Chapin and has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection for the past eighteen years. His birth occurred in New York on the 4th of September, 1848, his parents being J. B. and Cordelia (Saunders) Davenport, likewise natives of the Empire state. A genealogy of the family shows that the Davenports emigrated from England in the early part of the seventeenth century. J. B. Davenport, who was a painter by trade and also followed farming, located in West Liberty, Iowa, at an early day and in 1872 took up his abode in Chapin. Here he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1905. The

demise of his wife had occurred at Chapin in 1900. Mr. Davenport had lived in Franklin county for a third of a century and was well known and highly esteemed in his community.

R. C. Davenport spent his boyhood and youth in West Liberty and West Branch, Iowa, and was a young man of twenty-four years when he came with his parents to Chapin in 1872. For a number of years he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. For the past eighteen years, however, he has served as postmaster of Chapin, having been appointed under President Cleveland and having proved an able and satisfactory incumbent since that time.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Davenport chose Miss Mary Smith, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he has three children, namely: Claudia, who is the wife of K. D. Hatch and resides in Oakfield, Wisconsin; Frank, who is employed in a bank at Geneva, Iowa; and Cecil, at home. Mr. Davenport gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the school board for several years, being now treasurer thereof. He has an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community and enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial and esteemed citizen.

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#### D. E. KENYON.

D. E. Kenyon, a representative of financial interests in Franklin county, has been cashier of the Chapin Savings Bank since the organization of that institution in 1905. His birth occurred in Grundy Center, Grundy county, Iowa, on the 16th of September, 1880, his parents being M. F. and N. Ida (Wilson) Kenyon, who are natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively and now reside in McMinnville, Oregon, where the father has charge of a fruit ranch. M. F. Kenyon was for a number of years engaged in the mercantile business at Ottosen, Iowa, and subsequently operated a farm near Livermore, this state.

D. E. Kenyon spent his boyhood on his father's farm near Livermore and acquired his early education in the common schools, later continuing his studies in the high school at Grundy center. Subsequently he spent several years in the employ of the Interstate Lumber Company and for three years had charge of the lumberyard at Chapin. In 1905, at the time of the organization of the Chapin Savings Bank, he was made cashier of the institution and in that capacity has

remained throughout the intervening eight years, proving a highly competent and popular official.

In Chapin, Mr. Kenyon wedded Miss Clara Crawford, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of G. W. Crawford, an early settler of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have one child, Willis E. In his political views Mr. Kenyon is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

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### WILL HEIGH WADDINGTON.

Will Heigh Waddington, connected with general mercantile interests of Geneva as a member of the J. A. Waddington Company, was born in East Dubuque, Illinois, January 29, 1877. He is a son of Will and Elsie (Consalus) Waddington, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a railroad man and engaged in this line of work throughout the entire period of his active life. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Sarah Ellen, the wife of Francis F. Clark, of Morgan Park, Illinois; Herbert Allen, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Will Heigh, the subject of this review; Hollis E., the wife of L. L. Quinby, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Merrill, also a resident of Omaha.

Will H. Waddington acquired his education in the public schools of East Dubuque, Illinois, and after graduating from the high school came to Franklin county, Iowa, where he became associated with his uncle in the mercantile business. At the end of fourteen years he turned his attention to farming, following this occupation in Franklin county for two years. He then went to Los Angeles, California, where he was for three years in the grocery business. At the end of that time he returned to Franklin county and with his uncle organized the J. A. Waddington Company, operating a large general store in Geneva. They do an extensive business, which is constantly increasing as their straightforward business methods become more widely known.

In Franklin county, January 21, 1902, Mr. Waddington was united in marriage to Miss Martha Kieslich. Mr. Waddington is a member of the Methodist church, belongs to the Masonic fraternity

and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is well known in commercial life in Geneva, and his personal characteristics have gained him a wide circle of friends.

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### J. F. MOREHOUSE.

J. F. Morehouse, who has lived retired in Sheffield for the past four years, was a successful agriculturist of Franklin county throughout his active business career and owns one of the well improved and valuable farms of the district. He was born in Oakland county, Michigan, on the 7th of January, 1856. His father, Hiram Morehouse, whose birth occurred in Canada in 1832, was a son of John and Clarissa Morehouse and accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States in 1838, the family home being established in Oakland county, Michigan. There he was reared to manhood and wedded a Miss DeHaven, who passed away when our subject was but four months old. For his second wife Hiram Morehouse chose Harriet M. Davis. In 1856 he removed to Illinois and four years later came to Franklin county, Iowa, locating on two hundred and sixty acres of wild land on section 3, West Fork township. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1881, when he took up his abode in the town of Sheffield and became identified with his son Elmer in the conduct of a store. His last days, however, were spent in honorable retirement, his demise occurring when he had attained the age of fifty-seven years. He was one of the pioneer settlers of West Fork township and continued a substantial and esteemed citizen of Franklin county for about three decades. For two years, in 1864 and 1865, he carried mail between Hampton and Cedar Falls. His wife is likewise deceased. Hiram Morehouse was the father of four sons, as follows: J. F., of this review; Lorenzo, who was a retired agriculturist residing in Hampton at the time of his demise; George L., who follows farming in Richland township; and Elmer E., now deceased, who was for many years engaged in business as a merchant of Sheffield.

J. F. Morehouse spent his boyhood on his father's farm in West Fork township and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When twenty-five years of age he bought a tract of land in West Fork township, where he carried on farming for a decade. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Richland

township, operating the same continuously and successfully for twenty years. He still owns the property, which constitutes one of the well improved farms in Franklin county. During the past four years he has lived retired in Sheffield, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Mr. Morehouse has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Esther A. Bokes, a native of Illinois, by whom he had three children, namely: Clyde, who is married and resides on his father's farm in Richland township; Ethel, who gave her hand in marriage to Elwood Walker, a farmer of Ingham township; and Rexford C., who is married and devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Ross township. Subsequent to the demise of the wife and mother Mr. Morehouse wedded Mrs. Frances Ashworth, a native of Whiteside county, Illinois.

In politics Mr. Morehouse is a stanch republican and at the present time is serving as a member of the Sheffield city council. He acted as township trustee for several years, while living on the farm, and for many years also served as a school director, ever discharging his public duties in a most commendable manner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs and in which he serves as steward. The period of his residence in Franklin county covers more than a half century, and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its prosperous, respected and representative citizens.

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#### JOHN F. HUMKE.

John F. Humke needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he is well known as one of the most progressive and representative farmers and stock-raisers of Osceola township. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, March 13, 1868, and is a son of Charles F. and Eva (Rath) Humke, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Germany. In 1881 the father moved to Franklin county and located on a farm in Osceola township, engaging in general farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred July 7, 1913. His wife has also passed away, her death occurring in Franklin county. To their union were born eight children: John F., of this review; Henry, of Osceola township; Anna, the wife of Henry Hembd, of Grundy, Iowa; Charles and William, of Osceola; Lydia,

the wife of Wyatt Johnson, of South Dakota; a son who died in infancy; and George, residing on the old homestead.

John F. Humke was reared upon his father's farm and began his independent career at the age of twenty-five. He rented land from his father and after about nine years bought one hundred and twenty acres of the homestead, adding to this property a forty acre tract which he had previously acquired. He has since bought an additional sixty acres and his holdings now comprise two hundred and twenty acres, all in Osceola township. The farm is modern in every detail, the buildings including a fine barn and a seventy-five-ton silo. Mr. Humke engages in general farming and stock-raising and has met with excellent success in the conduct of his interests.

On the 8th of March, 1893, Mr. Humke was united in marriage to Miss Hilka Peters, of Grundy county, and to their union have been born seven children, Louise Evelyn, Herman Charles, Clarence Alfred, Samuel Okko, Anna Ruth, deceased, Anna Esther and Robert Walter. Mr. Humke is a member of the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served for about fifteen years as township trustee and as a progressive and public-spirited citizen takes an active interest in public affairs. He is justly accounted one of the representative farmers of his locality and is held in high esteem wherever he is known.

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#### HARRY G. ARTHUR.

Harry G. Arthur, a well known druggist of Hampton, was born at Council Hill, Illinois, March 9, 1880. He is a son of William H. and Margaret F. (Perry) Arthur, also natives of Illinois, who came to Iowa in 1882, locating near Hansell. Both now reside at Mitchell, South Dakota, where the father engages in farming. To their union were born five children: William R., a physician in Hampton; Harry G., of this review; Ethel, who died in childhood; Frank, of Illinois; and Fred, who died in childhood.

Harry G. Arthur was only two years of age when his parents moved to Iowa. He acquired his education in the public schools of Hansell and in the university at Cedar Falls. He afterward studied pharmacy at Highland Park College in Des Moines and passed the state board of examiners, receiving his certificate as a registered pharmacist. He began his independent career as a druggist in the employ of E. M. Funk, of Hampton, holding this position while he



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was still attending school. He afterward moved to Mason City, Iowa, and was there employed in the drug business for one and a half years. At the end of that time he formed a partnership with S. C. Anderson and they bought out C. Marshall's drug business in Hampton, which they conducted together for one year and a half, after which Mr. Arthur purchased his partner's interests. Since that time he has conducted the business alone with a success which finds its best evidence in his large and growing patronage.

On the 15th of January, 1907, Mr. Arthur married Miss Alta M. Elphic, a native of Nebraska, and to their union have been born three children: Doris M., whose natal day was August 26, 1908; Harry G., Jr., born March 22, 1910; and Chester Edward, born January 28, 1912. Mr. Arthur is a member of the Methodist church, is connected fraternally with the Elks, the Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree, and the Knights of Pythias, and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is recognized as a young man of progressive ideas and laudable ambition and will undoubtedly reach a high place in commercial circles of Hampton.

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#### JAMES H. VAN NUYS.

James H. Van Nuys, a well known farmer of Mott township, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, November 6, 1843. When he was fourteen years of age he carried mail on horseback from Kokomo, Indiana, to Marion and from Kokomo to Camden, Indiana, remaining in that state until 1858, when with his mother and two sisters he removed to Iowa, locating in Mott township. For many years thereafter he engaged in farming. He owns two hundred and thirty acres of excellent land, equipped with modern buildings and labor-saving machinery, and is today one of the leading agriculturists in this section of the state.

On the 9th of January, 1870, Mr. Van Nuys was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Carbaugh, who was born August 22, 1846, in Fostoria, Ohio, and came with her parents, Samuel and Mary Carbaugh, to Iowa in 1855, settling first on a farm in Geneva township, this county. In 1870 the family moved to Hampton, where her father for a number of years conducted a store. Mrs. Van Nuys and her daughter Lou met a tragic death by drowning in Beed's lake August 18, 1913. In the family were three children: Walter J., who

is mentioned below; Lou Emma, who previous to her death was a private nurse in the family of E. P. Ripley, of Chicago; and Florence, the wife of F. J. Scantlebury.

Mr. Van Nuys is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belongs to the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, being now in the tenth year of his able service as overseer of the port.

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### WALTER JAMES VAN NUYS.

Walter James Van Nuys was born in Mott township, this county, September 21, 1873, and is a son of James H. Van Nuys, whose sketch appears above. He was reared at home and acquired his education in the Hampton grammar and high schools. Following the completion of his studies he turned his attention to the mercantile business and has for some time been connected with the Cooney Grocery Company.

On the 7th of September, 1898, Mr. Van Nuys was united in marriage to Miss Clara Jane McNeil, a native of Franklin county, and to their union have been born three children: Donald, Dorothea Lucy and James C. Mr. Van Nuys is a member of the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Methodist church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and from 1905 to 1909 served as clerk of the court.

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### WILLIAM BRUCE GRANT.

William Bruce Grant, one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Grant township, engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon a fine farm, part of which he owns and part of which he rents from his father, is a native son of this county, born August 2, 1875. His parents are A. B. and Louisa (Blake) Grant, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Illinois. The father came to America at the age of twenty and settled immediately in Ackley, Iowa, where he remained for about five years. Later he turned his attention to farming in Grant township and still owns a quarter of section 20. He and his wife make their home in Hardin county, Iowa. They became the parents of eight children: William Bruce,

of this review; Nellie, a resident of Hardin county; Richard B., of Ackley; Norman A., of Hardin county; Jessie, the wife of M. E. Peck, of Seattle, Washington; Jane, who married William Law, of Iowa Falls; Bessie, deceased; and Eva, at home.

William B. Grant was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools of Grant township. When he began his independent career he turned his attention to railroad work and later secured a position in the oil fields of Louisiana, retaining this until 1905. He then began farming, buying eighty acres of land in Grant township, and this tract he still operates in connection with a quarter section which he rents from his father. In addition to general farming he engages also in stock-raising and has extensive interests along both lines.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Mr. Grant was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Meyer, a native of Franklin county, and they became the parents of two children, Edna Belle and William Lawrence. Mr. Grant is a member of the Masonic lodge, chapter and commandery and is connected also with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at present school director. He is interested in the welfare of the county and has won for himself a creditable position as a valued citizen and business man.

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#### FRED W. ALERT.

Fred W. Alert, who owns two hundred and forty-five acres of excellent land on sections 30 and 19, Reeve township, was born in Germany, September 17, 1858. He is a son of Carl and Mary (Yeager) Alert, also natives of Germany, where the father followed the blacksmith's trade until his death. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born four children: Carl, deceased; Fred W., of this review; and William and Henry, who have passed away.

Fred W. Alert began his independent career when he was eighteen years of age, becoming connected with the brewery business in Germany and continuing thus for about eleven years. In 1886 he came to Hampton, Franklin county, Iowa, and turned his attention to railroad work, following this for seven years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred acres of land in West Fork township but sold this at the end of four years, resuming his farming upon rented land. He afterward purchased two hundred and forty-five

acres on sections 30 and 19, Reeve township, where he has since made his home. Upon this property he has made excellent improvements in building and equipment, and he engages in general farming and stock-raising with gratifying and well deserved success.

Mr. Alert married Miss Marie Heins, a native of Germany and they have become the parents of six children: Freda, the wife of Fred Witte, of Marion township; Minnie and Fred at home; Dora, who married William Gabaver, of Hampton; and William and Marie, at home.

Mr. Alert is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected politically with the republican party. He is interested in school affairs and has served as school director and president of the board of education, holding this latter position for nine years. He is not only industrious and enterprising, but is also a man of high moral character, greatly esteemed both as a farmer and a business man throughout the township.

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#### FRED MENSING.

Fred Mensing, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and one acres of excellent land on section 19, Mott township, was born in Germany, November 5, 1875. He is a son of Dietrich and Wilhelmina (Dohrman) Mensing, also natives of Germany, who came to America in April, 1888, and located on a farm near Chicago, Illinois. From there they moved to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1891, and the father engaged in farming upon property north of Latimer until his death, which occurred September 6, 1901. He had survived his wife since April 27, 1893. To their union were born four children: Dietrich, who is operating the old homestead; Fred, of this review; Henry, a Lutheran minister of Australia; and Louise, who married John Schnabel, of Marion township.

Fred Mensing remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, aiding in the operation of his father's farm. He then purchased one hundred and one acres of land on section 19, Mott township, and here he has since resided, giving his attention to general farming and stock-raising. Under his able management his farm has become a productive and valuable property, and his success places him among the representative and prominent agriculturists of this vicinity.

On the 22d of February, 1900, Mr. Mensing was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Hoffmeier, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of five children: Wilma, born December 26, 1903; Julia, born November 3, 1905; Paul G., who was born September 11, 1908; and Gerhardt and Gertrude, twins, born February 17, 1912. Mr. Mensing is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his neighbors and friends and is widely known throughout the community.

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### HOMER T. PAGE.

One of the progressive and active business men of Geneva is Homer T. Page, connected with the firm of H. T. Page & Company, proprietors of a large grain elevator. Mr. Page is a native of Franklin county, born in Geneva township, January 9, 1872, a son of John H. and Mary M. (Meeker) Page, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Illinois. The parents came to Iowa in 1868 and located in Geneva township, Franklin county, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in March, 1910. His wife survives him and makes her home in Geneva. Seven children were born to their union: Charles E., of Denver, Colorado; Julia M., the wife of K. L. Clock, of Fort Lupton, Colorado; Arthur L., of Creston, Iowa; Homer T., of this review; Cora E., deceased; Fred E., of Des Moines; and Nellie, the wife of E. A. Luke, of Reeve township.

Homer T. Page was reared in Geneva township, acquiring his education in the district schools, beginning farming at sixteen years of age. He remained connected with agricultural interests until 1910, when he formed a partnership with H. W. Iblings, of Minneapolis, forming the firm of H. T. Page & Company. This concern now owns an elevator in Geneva and controls a large and growing patronage.

Mr. Page married Miss Mary Bell, a native of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of three children: John C., born March 26, 1901; Stewart A., born June 1, 1903; and Ella M., born March 16, 1906. Mr. Page is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Mystic Workers of the World. His political support is given to the republican party, and he has been township trustee and

school director, serving with credit and ability in both positions. He is a man of exceptional enterprise and keen business insight, and his progressive spirit will undoubtedly win for him an enviable position in commercial circles of the community.

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### ANDREW JACKSON COLE.

One of the finest and most modern farms in Franklin county is that owned by Andrew Jackson Cole. It is a tract of two hundred and twenty acres on sections 4, 5 and 8, Osceola township, and in its excellent condition reflects the intelligent care and labor which its owner has bestowed upon it. Mr. Cole was born in Troy, New York, November 19, 1855, and is a son of Reuben and Bridget (O'Brien) Cole, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ireland. They came to Franklin county in 1856 and located on a farm in Geneva township, the father engaging in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 25, 1889. He had survived his wife only a short time, her death having occurred in February, 1887. To their union were born five children: Andrew Jackson, of this review; Mary Jane, the wife of John Ray, of Waterloo, Iowa; Jefferson, deceased; Clarence, of Geneva; and Helea, of Des Moines.

Andrew J. Cole was but one year old when his parents came to Franklin county, and in this locality he was reared and educated. He remained upon his father's farm until he was twenty-four years of age and then rented an eighty acre tract, whereon he resided for one year. He then rented one hundred and twenty acres and afterward another eighty acre tract. One year later he made his first purchase of land, buying one hundred and twenty acres on section 4, Osceola township. To this he has since added one hundred acres lying on sections 5 and 8 and upon this fine property he engages in general farming and stock-raising with richly merited success. His farm is completely equipped with modern machinery and is provided with substantial barns and outbuildings as well as a fine fifteen-room brick house lighted with gas and complete in every detail.

On the 9th of March, 1881, Mr. Cole was united in marriage to Miss Martha Childs, a native of New York, and to their union were born four children: Henry, at home; Cora, a music teacher in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mabel, who is attending Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls; and Nellie, the wife of Peter Thompson, of Dike,



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Iowa. On the 5th of June, 1912, Mr. Cole started on a trip around the world, going from New York to Germany and thence to England, Ireland and Scotland, traveling afterward through France, Italy, Spain, the island of Ceylon, the Malay peninsula, Egypt, Africa, China, Japan, Honolulu and thence back to America, the entire trip taking over six months. Mrs. Cole is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Mr. Cole gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His business success is well merited, for he is capable in management and displays untiring industry in carrying forward his interests.

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### ALBERT L. ROBERTS.

Albert L. Roberts, who has valuable agricultural interests in Franklin county, owning and operating one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land on section 2, Reeve township, was born in Hampton, Iowa, January 2, 1873. He is a son of Cyrus and Mary Jane (Tripplett) Roberts, the former a native of England and the latter of Wisconsin. The father settled in that state after his arrival in America and from there moved to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1869. He took up his residence in Hampton and turned his attention to the shoemaker's trade. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Emma, who married Arthur Whitcomb, of Hampton; Albert L., of this review; Edna, who married J. C. Hand, of Hampton; Flora, at home; and a son, who died in infancy.

Albert L. Roberts began his independent career as a farmer and is still identified with that line of work. He owns one hundred and thirty-seven acres on section 2, Reeve township, a property upon which he engages successfully in general farming and stock-raising. For a number of years he was interested in real estate in Hampton, owning a city block, three houses and five vacant lots, which he still holds. He was the proprietor of an ice business there for five years and is known in commercial circles as a man of force, ability and enterprise. He has also a homestead claim in New Mexico.

On the 16th of June, 1909, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Lura Church, a native of Franklin county, and they have become the parents of two children, Eugene Sylvester and Mary Sibyl.

Mr. Roberts is a member of the Methodist church, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of

Pythias and the Masonic lodge and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is numbered among the most successful and representative agriculturists of Franklin county and enjoys the warm and sincere regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### JACOB NEUBERGER.

Since 1892 Jacob Neuberger has owned and operated a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 25, Osceola township, and in the conduct of his interests has won that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor. He was born in Germany, May 19, 1852, and is a son of John and Lena Neuberger, natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1869 and located in Freeport, Illinois, where he passed away at the age of eighty-two, having long survived his wife who died when thirty-nine years of age. To their union were born seven children: John, a resident of South Dakota; Katherine, the widow of J. Groshans, of Germany; Eva, who married A. Eichhorn, of Freeport, Illinois; Jacob, of this review; Kate, the widow of Mike Sessler, of South Dakota; Peter, also a resident of South Dakota; and Mike, of Illinois.

Jacob Neuberger emigrated to America at the age of seventeen and settled in Illinois, where he remained for about a year and a half. At the end of that time he moved to Iowa and there spent the years 1870 and 1871. Afterward he returned to Illinois and at the end of seven years came again to Iowa. He settled in Ackley and in 1892 purchased two hundred acres of land on section 25, Osceola township, a property upon which he has since resided. He engages in general farming and also raises and feeds stock, this proving a profitable branch of his business. In all of his work he is energetic and determined, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort, and his farm is today a visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift.

On the 10th of February, 1880, Mr. Neuberger married Miss Sophie Siemers, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of eight children: Amelia, the wife of E. Eder, of Freeport, Illinois; Lena, at home; Harmon, a resident of Butler county; John, of Osceola township; Charles, also residing in Butler county; and Nettie, George and Elmer, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Neuberger are members of the Presbyterian church, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

He has served in the office of school director for eleven years and was road supervisor for three years, proving a capable and conscientious public official. He is accounted one of the active workers and progressive farmers of Osceola township and has the unqualified confidence and esteem of the entire community.

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### GIDEON A. MARKEN.

Gideon A. Marken, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Reeve township, owning and operating two hundred and five acres of land on sections 16, 17 and 20, was born in Peru, Indiana, January 5, 1877, a son of Gideon and Sarah (Silvious) Marken, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. The father engaged in farming during the entire period of his active life and is now living retired in Peru, Indiana. The mother passed away February 3, 1887. To their union were born fourteen children: John W., of Apache, Arizona; Jacob, a resident of Toledo, Iowa; Joseph, deceased; Rebecca, the wife of D. M. Butt, of Peru, Indiana; Matilda, who married A. L. Meyers, of Moravia, California; Milo, Eli, Jane, the widow of William Butt, of Peru, Indiana, and Lydia, all of whom have passed away; Laura, the wife of Edward J. Miller, of Apache, Arizona; Daniel, of Sand Point, Idaho; Gideon A., of this review; Edith, deceased; and Edward, of Lane, South Dakota. After the death of his first wife the father of the subject of this review married Miss Amanda Daniels, and they became the parents of three children: Pearl, the wife of Charles Fost, of Peru, Indiana; Aaron, deceased; and Raymond, also of Peru.

When Gideon A. Marken was sixteen years of age he left home and began his independent career. In 1895 he came to Hampton, Iowa, and two years later turned his attention to farming, renting one hundred and sixty acres of land in Reeve township. At the end of six years he rented another farm of two hundred and five acres on sections 16, 17 and 20 and two years later bought this property, which he has since operated along practical lines, making it today one of the finest farms in his locality.

On July 1, 1897, Mr. Marken was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Doidge, a daughter of Thomas and Caroline (Jolly) Doidge, natives of England, who came to America in 1868, locating in Warren, Illinois. In 1887 they moved to Franklin county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred

October 1, 1904. His wife survives him and makes her home in Hampton. To their union were born ten children: Arthur and William, deceased; Arthur, second of the name, a resident of Corinth, Iowa; Frederick, of Hampton; Harry, who makes his home in Dumont; Hattie, the wife of A. B. Atkinson, of Hampton; Ida, deceased; Mary E., wife of the subject of this review; Willis, deceased; and Albert, of Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Marken have become the parents of three children: Esther E., who was born September 22, 1900; Ralph W., born January 8, 1904; and A. J., born January 8, 1911.

Mr. Marken is a member of the Christian church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Brotherhood of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at present township trustee, serving in a capable and public-spirited manner. He is a man of force, ambition and enterprise, and he holds the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has official, social or business relations.

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### CHARLES BEED.

Charles Beed is proprietor of the oldest hardware establishment of Hampton, but is now leaving the management of the business to his son, while he has practically retired, although he still gives supervision to his farm of seven hundred acres in Franklin county.

Mr. Beed was born in Devonshire, England, June 20, 1843, and is a son of Thomas and Anne (George) Beed, both of whom were natives of England. They had ten children. At different times members of the family made the voyage to the new world until all were located on this side the Atlantic. The first to come to America was John, the fifth son, who left London in 1853 and took up his abode at Batavia, Illinois. In 1854 Thomas Beed, the third son, arrived in the United States. He was a sailor and had made a number of voyages to the West Indies and to South America. After coming to this country he sailed for a time on the Great Lakes. In 1855 John, the first arrival in America, persuaded his father and mother to emigrate to the new world and on the trip they were accompanied by their only daughter, Mary Sarah Anne, and their youngest son, Bishop C. The eldest brother, William, was at that time in business in England and Charles Beed, subject of this review, and

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his younger brother Walter, ten years of age, were left at school in England. The parents with the two children mentioned sailed for America, being almost six weeks on shipboard. During the voyage the father had the misfortune to fall down the hatchway of the vessel and broke several of his ribs. For some time his life was despaired of, but he improved and after resting for a week in New York was able to renew the journey to Batavia, Illinois, where he joined his son John. About a year later George, the second son of the family, followed the others to Batavia and a few months afterward James, the fourth son, came to America and also went to Batavia. He was a sailor, as was his brother Thomas, although they sailed in different parts of the world. James made his last voyage to Bombay, East Indies, before leaving his native country of England to come to the new world.

Some time in 1856 the father with his sons George, Thomas, John and James came to Iowa to look up a location and made choice of the land now known as the Henry Wolf farm, about three and a half miles northeast of Hampton. In September of the same year George Beed went to Dubuque with a covered wagon to bring the others of the family to the home that the father and his sons were preparing near Hampton. Dubuque was at that time the terminus of the railroad. On the 4th of July, 1857, Charles Beed started for America and on the 1st of May, 1858, William G. Beed, the eldest son of the family, together with his wife and Walter Beed, the eighth son of the family, left the old country, arriving in New York on the 16th of May. They were the only ones of the family who came from England on a steamship, the others making the voyage in sailing vessels. On its next trip the vessel on which William G. and Walter Beed sailed was burned at sea and out of seven hundred passengers aboard only seventy-five escaped, some being burned to death and others drowned. The one other son of the family, Henry, who was the sixth, went to Australia in 1850 and worked there as a cowboy and afterward engaged in merchandising. He came to Hampton with his family some time in the early '80s, but after remaining in this country for a few years he returned to Australia with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beed, the parents, have now passed away, as have their children William G., George, Thomas, John and Henry, leaving as the surviving members: James, who is now living in Waverly, Iowa; Mary S. A., a resident of Charlotte, Michigan; Charles, who is the only one now living in Hampton; Walter, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Bishop C., of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Beed, whose name introduces this review, remained at home with his parents in London until eight years of age, when he was sent to school, there pursuing his studies until he reached the age of fourteen. He was a lad of twelve when his parents started for America and two years later, on the 4th of July, 1857, he left London for the new world. While going down the Thames river they passed the Great Eastern, then the largest ship ever built. It took from the 1st of November, 1857, until the 30th of January, 1858, to launch it. It was launched broadside instead of stern first. The vessel on which Charles Beed sailed was fifty days in making the voyage, during which time they encountered some heavy storms and also some calms, which greatly delayed the progress of the sailing vessel. It was on the 20th of August, 1857, that anchor was dropped in the harbor of New York. Charles Beed expected someone to meet him and remained alone on shipboard for three days and nights, but as no one came for him he started alone for Hampton, Iowa, the address on his trunk reading "Hampton, near Maysville, Franklin county, Iowa, United States of America." He reached his parents' home in September, 1857, having completed the trip by stage from a point just a little this side of Dubuque. The family residence was a log cabin about sixteen by twenty feet. There was one story, all in one room, and a garret. There was a window at each end of the room, consisting of six pains of glass, eight by ten inches, which had been brought from Dubuque. The garret constituted the bedroom of the family, nine in all, and a piece of calico served as a curtain to divide the room, the father, mother and sister sleeping in one end, while the boys occupied the other. There was a bedstead for the parents, but the children all slept upon the floor. The house was not plastered, the logs being bare, while the roof was of split oak timber. In the winter there was plenty of covering, some times four inches of it being nice white snow, for the roof was so open that the snow would sift in through the crevices.

When spring came Charles Beed had to go to work putting in crops and soon he made a full hand in improving the farm which had been purchased. He remained at home with his parents until December 29, 1866, when he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Haecker. They took up their abode upon a quarter section of land a mile east of the old homestead, and for a number of years Mr. Beed continued its cultivation and improvement. He still owns that property and also some adjoining land. In 1878 he formed a partnership with Charles Pease in the hardware business, in which he continued until a few years ago, when he suffered an accident

that permanently disabled him for further business, although for the last few years he has worked to some extent around his farm of sixty-three acres lying within the town limits of Hampton.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beed were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy, while eight are yet living. Charles Lockwood, the eldest, is conducting the hardware business established by his father. Mersey, the eldest daughter, was born in Hampton, where she has always made her home, being now the wife of Bert Page. Frank, the third child, is living on the old home farm in Ingham township, on which his parents began their domestic life. Louis occupies a farm adjoining the old homestead. Roy is working at the plumber's trade in Waterloo. Victor follows the same in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Ruth T. and Harry are still at home with their parents.

The farming interests of Mr. Beed comprise more than seven hundred acres of the rich and productive soil of Iowa. He occupies a fine home at No. 620 South Reeve street, and has reached a financial position that enables him to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but is without political ambition or aspiration. He belongs to the Congregational church and is interested in all that pertains to the moral as well as the material welfare of the city in which he lives. He has now compassed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, but is a vigorous, well preserved man and many more years should yet be accorded him. His life has been one of activity and usefulness, crowned with success, and because of the fact that he has never taken advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in business transactions but has always been straightforward and honorable he is accorded the confidence and friendly regard of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### JOSEPH HENRY ROBERTS.

Joseph Henry Roberts, engaged in general farming upon the Roberts homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Reeve township, was born in Franklin county, October 8, 1881. He is a son of Joseph R. and Josephine (Lyne) Roberts, natives of England and now residents of Hampton. In their family are three children: Joseph Henry, of this review; Ethel, at home; and Nellie, the wife of Dr. C. O. Brewster, of Britt, Iowa.

Joseph Henry Roberts acquired his education in the public and high schools of Hampton and following the completion of his studies assumed the management of the homestead, which he has since successfully operated, engaging in general farming. He owns also eighty acres of choice land on section 6, Reeve township, and by his intelligent management and careful supervision has made this a productive and valuable farm.

On the 11th of January, 1905, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Amy Bertha Staley, a daughter of James K. and Susan (Lacey) Staley, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Marshall county, Iowa. The father has passed away and the mother makes her home in Hampton. In their family were five children: Nettie, the wife of W. S. Hevermann; Solomon, of Des Moines, Iowa; Amy Bertha, wife of the subject of this review; James D., of Des Moines; and Edmund, of Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts became the parents of five children: Harry R., who was born November 15, 1905; Amy Grace, deceased; Gladys M., born April 30, 1909; Lester L., who has passed away; and Dewitt C., who was born June 11, 1912.

Mr. Roberts is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a devout member of the Baptist church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving with credit and ability as secretary of the school board. He is a young man of force, ambition and enterprise and, he stands high in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

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#### H. G. SCHAEFER.

H. G. Schaefer, who has been successfully identified with mercantile interests in Sheffield for a number of years, is the owner of a handsome brick block and conducts the largest store in the town, the main building being utilized in the sale of ladies' apparel, dry goods and groceries, while there is another department devoted to clothing and men's furnishings. The period of his residence in Franklin county covers thirty-six years. His birth occurred in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of October, 1858, his parents being William and Caroline (Zimmerman) Schaefer, the former a native of Hanover and the latter of Berlin, Germany. Throughout his active business career William Schaefer devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Dodge county, Wisconsin. Both he and his wife have passed away.

H. G. Schaefer began working in a store when a youth of thirteen and at the age of nineteen came to Franklin county, Iowa, here being employed as a farm hand for a number of years. Subsequently he was engaged in the mercantile business in Sheffield as a partner of L. P. Holden for seven years and afterward spent a similar period in association with I. N. Reynolds. In 1900 he purchased the interest of his partner and during the intervening thirteen years has been in business alone. He owns a substantial brick block, the main building of which is occupied by dry goods, ladies' apparel and groceries, while another department is given over to clothing and men's furnishings. Mr. Schaefer employs five clerks and enjoys an extensive trade, for he carries a large and well selected stock of goods at reasonable prices and is at all times in a position to meet the demands and wishes of his patrons.

In Franklin county Mr. Schaefer wedded Miss Minnie Bolk, a native of Germany, by whom he has five children, as follows: Alvin C., who is married and assists his father in the mercantile business; William H., who is married and is also in his father's store; Rose L., the wife of C. W. Schmidt, of Sheffield; and Harvey C. and Lucile, both at home.

In his political views Mr. Schaefer is a republican, considering the principles of that party most conducive to good government. He has done able service on the city council and also as a member of the school board. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and acts as superintendent of its Sunday school. Mr. Schaefer is popular among his friends, having the attractive social qualities which gain high regard. He is ambitious, resolute and energetic, and whatever he undertakes, whether in business or other connections, is carried forward to successful completion.

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#### SAMUEL A. DAVIS.

Samuel A. Davis, a veteran of the Civil war living retired in Hampton after many years of close connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1834. He is a son of David and Mary (Woodle) Davis, also natives of the Keystone state. The parents went to Wisconsin in 1838, and there the father engaged in general farming. He and his wife have passed away. Eleven children were born to their union: Thomas, deceased; James, of Brodhead, Wisconsin;

David and Joel, deceased; Samuel A., of this review; William, deceased; Doctor E., a farmer of Green county, Wisconsin; Zachariah, who was killed at the battle of Resaca, Georgia; Joseph, killed in the war; and Quincy and Levi, both of whom have passed away.

Samuel A. Davis was reared upon his father's farm and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Twenty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He was taken prisoner during the battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and was sent to Libby prison, where he was confined for three weeks. Following his discharge from the army he returned to Wisconsin and there remained until 1874, when he came to Iowa, locating on a farm near Hampton, in Mott township, which he still owns. Throughout the years which followed he steadily carried forward the work of improving and developing this property and became in time one of the leading agriculturists of the township. Mr. Davis still owns one hundred and twenty acres, but in October, 1906, retired from active life, moving into Hampton, where he now resides.

On the 25th of January, 1866, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Casandra Taylor, a native of Pennsylvania, and both are well known in social circles of Hampton. Mr. Davis is a member of the Christian church, is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and gives his political support to the republican party. His has been a creditable record as a soldier, as a citizen and as a business man, and he is highly esteemed in Hampton, where he is enjoying a period of well earned rest.

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#### EDWARD L. CLOCK.

Edward L. Clock, one of the honored and valued residents of Geneva, is living retired after many years of close connection with mercantile interests of Maysville and agricultural interests of Franklin county. He is one of the pioneers in this part of Iowa, his residence here dating from 1856, since which time he has witnessed a great deal of the development and growth of the country, bearing an active and honorable part in the work of advancement. He was born on Long Island, New York, January 23, 1831, a son of Ebenezer and Lucinda (Jarvis) Clock, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

In early childhood Edward L. Clock began contributing to his own support, riding a horse for plowing at ten cents per day. He





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also cut cord wood and grafted fruit trees and engaged in various other similar occupations. In 1856 he came to Iowa, locating in Maysville, Franklin county, where he engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Wheeler until the latter's death. In 1865 Mr. Clock formed a partnership with his brother, H. C. Clock, which continued until the entire stock was purchased by H. C. Clock, Edward Clock turning his attention to farming. He followed this occupation successfully until 1902, when he moved to Geneva and erected a comfortable home, in which he has since lived in retirement.

On the 21st of January, 1857, Mr. Clock was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Wheeler, who was born in Ohio, December 24, 1833. They became the parents of seven children: Harry E., who has passed away; Dewitt, of Franklin county; Edith M. and Rogene, who have also passed away; Jean H., of Geneva township; Julian, deceased; and Ned L., who died in Chattanooga, Tennessee, while in the army during the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Clock is a member of the Methodist church, is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and chapter and gives his political support to the republican party. He served as enrolling officer during the Civil war and has been three times county supervisor. He is a man whose high moral character, public spirit and industry have placed him in high standing in the community, and he is acknowledged to be a substantial and representative citizen.

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#### DUNCAN J. McMILLAN.

Duncan J. McMillan, formerly engaged in general farming upon two hundred and forty acres of excellent land in Geneva township, but now living retired, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, November 5, 1854. He is a son of John and Christiana (Gunn) McMillan, natives of Scotland. The father moved to Nova Scotia when he was three years of age and in 1844 went to Wisconsin, where he resided until 1872. In that year he moved to Franklin county, Iowa, and located on section 21, Geneva township, where his death occurred. He and his wife became the parents of eleven children: William, of South Dakota; Ella, the wife of William E. Jones, of Geneva; John, deceased; Isabel, the wife of Jacob Sellers, of South Dakota; Alfred, of California; Jessie, deceased; Duncan J., of this

review; and Daniel, Jennie, Samuel and Maggie, who have passed away.

Duncan J. McMillan accompanied his parents to Franklin county in 1872 and assisted for some time thereafter with the operation of the homestead. This has since come into his possession, and he has developed it along practical and modern lines, making it one of the finest properties in this locality. He engaged in general farming and was likewise extensively interested in stock-raising. In January, 1910, Mr. McMillan retired from active farming and now lives in a beautiful home in Geneva.

On the 15th of July, 1891, Mr. McMillan was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Crider, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of four children: Clinton, who is connected with the Fine Arts Academy in Chicago; and Annie Laurie, Esmerelda and Bert, at home.

Mr. McMillan attends the Methodist Episcopal church while his wife is a member thereof. He is a republican in his political views and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the period of his residence in Franklin county he has proven himself thoroughly reliable in all business dealings and in matters of citizenship helpful and progressive, giving his aid and influence to many measures for the public good.

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#### WILLIAM A. HUMKE.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise William A. Humke has gained recognition as one of the prosperous farmers of Franklin county. He owns one hundred and eighty acres of fine land on section 25, Osceola township, and since 1902 has made his home upon this property, which is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and energy. He was born in Dubuque county, this state, April 23, 1875, and is a son of Charles F. and Eva (Rath) Humke, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

William A. Humke was reared at home and assisted in the operation of his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. The property was then divided and Mr. Humke of this review received one hundred and twenty acres on section 25, Osceola township. To this he has since added sixty acres, and he still makes his home upon the property, which under his able management has become productive and valuable. Upon it he has erected a num-

ber of substantial buildings, including fine barns and outhouses and an eighty ton silo. Nothing is ever neglected which will add to the appearance or value of the place.

On the 8th of February, 1905, Mr. Humke married Miss Sarah Blake, a daughter of Richard T. and Sarah (Pickney) Blake, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. Humke is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now doing able and conscientious work in the office of township clerk. In all the relations of life his actions have conformed to the highest standards, and he justly deserves the full measure of confidence and respect now entertained for him by all who know him.

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#### G. A. MAYER.

G. A. Mayer, who has been numbered among the citizens of Franklin county for the past quarter of a century, operates one of the most highly improved farms in Ross township, on section 32, his holdings embracing one hundred and thirty-four acres of land in Ross and Mott townships. He is likewise the vice president of the Chapin Savings Bank, which institution as assisted in organizing. His birth occurred in Washington county, Iowa, on the 26th of November, 1860, his father being John Mayer, a native of Germany. The latter crossed the Atlantic to the United States as a young man and in Burlington, Iowa, wedded Miss Catherine Neff, who was born in Pennsylvania. John Mayer purchased an unimproved farm of one hundred and sixty-nine acres in Washington county, Iowa, and gave his attention to its development and cultivation throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife passed away in that county.

G. A. Mayer spent his boyhood in his native county and acquired only a limited education, his assistance being necessary in the work of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age and subsequently worked as a farm hand for others until 1888. In that year he was married and came to Franklin county, Iowa, locating on a tract of eighty acres in Mott township, which his wife had inherited. Mr. Mayer improved the property and was busily engaged in its operation until 1896, when he took up his abode on his present farm on section 32, Ross township. The place was

devoid of improvements with the exception of a barn, but during the years which have since elapsed our subject has enhanced its value in various ways until it is now one of the most highly improved farms in Ross township. His holdings embrace one hundred and thirty-four acres of land in Ross and Mott townships, and he devotes his attention to general farming with excellent results, enjoying an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous and representative citizens of the community. His is a beautiful home, and an evergreen grove adds much to the attractive appearance of the place. Mr. Mayer was one of the organizers of the Chapin Savings Bank and has since served as a member of its board of directors, likewise holding the office of vice president at the present time.

In Washington county, Iowa, Mr. Mayer was united in marriage to Miss Ella V. Brenton, a native of that county and a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Dillon) Brenton, both of whom are deceased. Our subject and his wife have three children: Ethel, Everett and Vera, all at home. Mr. Mayer gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as a trustee for three terms, while for sixteen years he has been a member of the school board. He is a stalwart friend of the cause of education and, in fact, is known throughout the entire community as a representative agriculturist and a citizen whose support can be counted upon to further any measure or movement that will promote the welfare and prosperity of the county.

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### FRANK L. HAMILTON.

Frank L. Hamilton, a prominent stock-raiser of Franklin county, owning and operating two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on section 3, Lee township, was born in Hamilton township, this county, April 27, 1868. He is a son of Andrew and Jane (Stockdale) Hamilton, after whom Hamilton township of this county was named. More extended mention of the parents is found elsewhere in this work.

Frank L. Hamilton acquired his education in the public schools of Franklin county and at the age of twenty-one began working on a farm belonging to his uncle, Charles Stockdale. He afterward farmed one of his father's properties in Franklin county for one year and then enrolled as a student in Ellsworth College, remaining there for a year and a half. At the end of that time he resumed his farming operations in Franklin county and in 1893 bought two hundred

acres of land in Lee township, and to this he has since added forty acres and upon this property makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock. He does an extensive business along this line, his animals commanding a high price and a ready sale on the market.

On the 29th of November, 1899, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Reynolds, a native of Hardin county, and they have become the parents of four children: Millard, who was born September 3, 1901; Phyllis, born August 16, 1904; Hazel, born March 27, 1907; and Kenneth, born March 7, 1910. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers and the Fraternal Bankers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he has rendered his township excellent service in the office of school director. He is a man of high character, industrious, progressive and enterprising, and his many sterling qualities have gained him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

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#### N. A. INGLIS.

N. A. Inglis, holding a prominent position in financial circles of Hampton as cashier of the Franklin County State Bank, was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, March 7, 1869, a son of David D. and Matilda (Weed) Inglis, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of New York. When the father was nineteen years of age he went to London, England, and there engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. He afterward was sent to Japan, where he had charge of the business controlled by a New York tea and silk importing house, and he remained in this connection until 1876. After spending one year in Scotland he crossed the Atlantic to America and made his way to Wisconsin, settling in Delavan, whence in the following year he came to Hampton, Iowa, turning his attention to the mortgage and loan business in partnership with J. F. Latimer. In 1881 the partners organized the First National Bank with Mr. Latimer as president and Mr. Inglis as cashier. Seven years later the concern was reorganized as a private bank and it was so conducted until 1898, when both partners retired from active life, selling their interests to H. L. Harrison and N. A. Inglis of this review. David D. Inglis continued to live in retirement until November 4, 1910, when his death occurred. His wife

survives him. To their union were born three children: N. A., of this review; Charles A., and Ruth V.

N. A. Inglis was educated in the public schools of Hampton and in those of Davenport, Iowa, after which he attended the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames and later the State University of Wisconsin at Madison. He bought his father's interest in Inglis & Latimer's Bank in 1898 and in partnership with Mr. Harrison conducted this as a private concern until August, 1905, when they consolidated with the Franklin County Bank, organizing the Franklin County State Bank. Mr. Inglis is cashier of this concern and fulfills the duties of this responsible position in a farsighted and able way, winning recognition as a capable and discriminating financier.

On the 5th of October, 1893, Mr. Inglis married Miss May Clemmer and they have become the parents of four children, David Donaldson, Winnifred, Norma Ruth and John Charles. Mrs. Inglis is a native of Minnesota and acquired her preliminary education in the public schools of that state, later graduating from the Wisconsin State Normal School at Platteville. Previous to her marriage she engaged in teaching at Hampton.

Mr. Inglis attends the Congregational church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he served as city treasurer for one term and for four years as a member of the city council. His judgment on everything relating to banking and finance is considered sound and reliable.

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#### E. P. ANDREWS.

E. P. Andrews, a prominent attorney of Franklin county, who since 1888 has practiced in Hampton, was born in Salem, Henry county, Iowa, July 14, 1853. He is a son of John H. and Rebecca A. (Strahl) Andrews, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father was one of the first merchants in Salem and carried on business there until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-one years of age. His wife passed away in California.

E. P. Andrews acquired his early education in the district schools near Salem and afterward attended college there. Subsequently he became a student in Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, where he remained until 1873. In that year he went to Missouri,



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where he engaged in teaching for four years, when, through the influence of his uncle, E. Andrews, who was a trustee of the State Reform School at Eldora, Iowa, he secured a position as teacher in that institution, filling the position with credit and ability for a year, or from 1877 to 1878. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar and in the latter year he entered the law office of King & Henley, of Hampton, and in 1879 successfully passed the required examination that secured him admission to the bar. He located for practice in Rockford, Iowa, but in April, 1888, removed to Hampton and bought out the practice of D. W. Henley, of the firm of Henley & Bedell. Four years later this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Andrews has since continued alone. He is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage, for he is recognized as a strong, able and resourceful practitioner of keen sagacity and unquestioned professional integrity. It is not only his comprehensive knowledge of the law which makes him a leading attorney, his services greatly in demand, but as a fellow practitioner expressed it: "it is his ability to take advantage of the slightest opening to further his client's case which stands out so eminently in his career." This feature of his success was notable in connection with the Rush murder case, in which he was attorney for the defense. At length all of the evidence in the case was in. The court room had been crowded for days by spectators who wished to hear the arguments, but he properly judged the impression left upon the jury by the defendant's testimony and refrained from making any argument whatever, feeling that the impression of the testimony was so strong that it needed no further comment. He was rewarded by having his client acquitted, and his course indicated that he with his keen discrimination had exactly understood the conditions. He took a stand, very rarely taken, in a suit of such serious character. Many a lawyer would not have missed his opportunity to make a speech, thinking thereby to strengthen the cause, but Mr. Andrews' sagacity and clear vision enabled him to fully comprehend the situation and his course was favorably commented upon throughout the state and especially by members of the bench and bar. He had studied the case thoroughly, saw the weak points in the prosecution and by his able manner of questioning and cross-questioning had so impressed the real facts upon the minds of the jury that the result was acquittal. It is well known that he always prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. Aside from his profession Mr. Andrews has business interests, being now a director and stockholder in the Cit-

izens National Bank, a stockholder in the Franklin County State Bank, and the owner of about four hundred acres of land.

On the 31st of October, 1883, Mr. Andrews married Miss Jennie C. Durkee and they have become the parents of two children: Maud F., a graduate of Grinnell College; and Robert S., who is now a student in Grinnell College. Mr. Andrews is a member of the Congregational church, is connected with the Masonic fraternity, and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Throughout his residence in Hampton he has ever enjoyed in the highest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, and his worth as a man and a citizen as well as a lawyer is widely acknowledged.

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#### E. H. HAYMOND.

E. H. Haymond, mayor of Geneva, was born in Kendall county, Illinois, September 15, 1852. He is a son of Jacob and Martha (Smith) Haymond, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of North Carolina. The father was a Methodist minister and connected with church work during his entire active life. He died in Windsor, Nova Scotia, August 20, 1903, and his wife died in Ida Grove, Iowa, March 28, 1901. Nine children were born to their union: Emily, the wife of R. D. Woodward, of Cloud county, Kansas; Melissa and Alonzo, twins, who have passed away; Elisha, of Mason City, Iowa; E. H., of this review; Ellen, the widow of Judge Joseph T. Hoke, of West Virginia; Esther, twin to Ellen and the widow of Charles Bennett, of Ida Grove, Iowa; Byron, agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Ida Grove; and Eluna, twin to Byron, who died in infancy.

E. H. Haymond acquired his education in the public schools of Iowa, whither his parents came when he was still a child. He afterward attended Iowa Falls Normal School and began his independent career as a teacher, following this occupation for five years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to farming, moving south of Marshalltown, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1881. In that year he moved to Franklin county and bought two hundred and forty acres of land in Geneva township. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of developing this property, improving it with excellent buildings and modern equipment and making it one of the most productive and valuable farms in this part of the state. In 1910 he sold the place and moved

into Geneva, where he now resides. He is mayor of the city and has proved a capable executive, active in the promotion of many measures and projects for the community good.

On the 10th of April, 1873, Mr. Haymond married Miss Etna E. Pence, a native of Iowa, who died October 12, 1885, leaving three children: Frank E., of Des Moines, Iowa; May, the wife of A. L. Royer, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Roy C., of Saskatchewan, Canada. On the 29th of December, 1886, Mr. Haymond was again married, his second wife being Miss Alice Faucett, a native of Illinois. They became the parents of three children: Guy E. and Lee F., of Saskatchewan, Canada; and Carl E., now a student in Cornell College at Cornell, Iowa.

Mr. Haymond is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the republican party, and in addition to the office of mayor he has held other public positions, taking an active part in community affairs. His integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of duty and his appreciation of his responsibilities make him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged.

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#### ANDREW C. JORGENSEN.

Since 1894 Andrew C. Jorgensen has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and since 1900 has owned and operated his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Hamilton township. He was born in Denmark, June 24, 1872, and is a son of Rasmus and Karen (Jensen) Jorgensen, also natives of that country, both of whom have passed away. In their family were eight children: Karen, the wife of C. Johansen, of Denmark; Ane, who married Peter Jacobson, of Morgan township, this county; Peter; Sophie, the wife of H. P. Christensen, of Denmark; Stene, who married Jens Sorensen, of Denmark; Andrew C., of this review; Anna, deceased; and Hans, of Denmark.

Andrew C. Jorgensen remained at home until he was twenty years of age and then came to America, locating in the vicinity of Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for one year. In 1894 he came to Franklin county and here in 1900 made his first purchase of land, buying one hundred and twenty acres on section 11. Upon this property he has since resided, carrying forward the work of

improvement and development. He has erected a number of fine buildings upon the place and now has an excellent barn, forty-four by sixty-four feet in dimensions. The equipment is modern in every respect and the entire place is kept in excellent condition, being under the care of a practical and progressive agriculturist. Mr. Jorgensen engages in farming, stock-raising and dairying and has met with gratifying and well deserved success along all lines.

On March 8, 1902, Mr. Jorgensen married Miss Karen Miller, a daughter of Peter Miller, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen have become the parents of five children: Dagny, who was born December 26, 1902; Alfred, born July 20, 1905; Folmer, born January 9, 1908; Frode, born January 2, 1911; and Valborg, born March 2, 1913.

Mr. Jorgensen is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is one of the most progressive farmers in this part of Franklin county and occupies a high place among the men whose work has influenced agricultural advancement in this section of the state.

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#### C. E. WILHELM.

C. E. Wilhelm, who has lived retired in Sheffield for the past eleven years, where he is now serving as a member of the city council, was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits and still owns eighty acres of land in Cerro Gordo county and one hundred and ninety acres adjoining Sheffield. His birth occurred in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of March, 1854, his parents being Henry and Matilda (Lepley) Wilhelm, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state and came of German descent. However, the great-grandparents of our subject on both the paternal and maternal sides were born in America. In 1865 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilhelm located on a farm in Butler county, Iowa, the terminus of the Illinois Central Railroad being then at Waverly. In 1868 the family returned to Pennsylvania. Both the father and mother of Mr. Wilhelm of this review passed away in Butler county, Iowa.

C. E. Wilhelm spent his early life in his native county and well remembers some of the events of the Civil war, recollecting that he saw a number of Confederate soldiers. In 1875 he returned to Iowa and in 1878 came to Sheffield, here conducting a restaurant for four



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and a half years. At the time of his arrival Sheffield was a village of but two or three hundred inhabitants and the railroad had been built through just five years before. In 1883 he purchased a quarter section of land in Cerro Gordo county, the operation of which claimed his time and energies during the following nineteen years. In his undertakings as an agriculturist he won a gratifying measure of success, annually gathering bounteous harvests, which found a ready sale on the market. He still owns eighty acres in Cerro Gordo county and sold his sons a half section of land in that county. Mr Wilhelm also owns one hundred and ninety acres adjoining the city of Sheffield, where he has now lived retired for eleven years, enjoying well earned rest.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Wilhelm chose Miss Amanda Ikenberry, a native of Butler county, by whom he has nine children, as follows: Clyde, who resides on a farm in Cerro Gordo county; Effie, who gave her hand in marriage to William Funk, an agriculturist of Cerro Gordo county; Etta, the wife of Silas Ingebretson, a farmer of Franklin county; Clarence, who is married and resides on a farm in Cerro Gordo county; Mabel, the wife of Raymond Jule, a farmer of Franklin county; Frank; Roy; Pearl; and Irma.

Mr. Wilhelm is a stanch republican in politics and for eighteen years held the office of township clerk in Cerro Gordo county. He has several times been chosen a member of the city council and is serving on that body at the present time. His influence and support are ever given on the side of progress and improvement, and he was one of the councilmen who recently voted that the streets be lighted by electroliers. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Wilhelm is a dignified, courteous gentleman of kindly spirit and strong principles, who through his marked individuality has left an impress for good upon the community in which he has so long resided.

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#### PETER L. LUND.

Perhaps no one is better known throughout Franklin county as a breeder and shipper of high-grade stock than Peter L. Lund, who operates a farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 23, Hamilton township. He was born in Denmark, June 4, 1875, and is a son of Laurits and Kathrina (Haue) Lund, natives of that

country, where the mother died and where the father still resides. To their union were born three children: Kresten L., who has passed away; Jens L., also deceased; and Peter L.

Peter L. Lund was seventeen years of age when he left Denmark and came to America, locating for a few months in Minnesota, whence he moved to Franklin county in 1893. Nine years later he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Hamilton township, and has added to this tract until his farm now comprises two hundred and eighty acres. Mr. Lund is a stock feeder and shipper and has gained an enviable reputation as a judge of stock values. He has built up a large and profitable business, his stock commanding a high price and a ready sale upon the market.

On the 1st of September, 1905, Mr. Lund married Miss Mette Miller a daughter of Peter Miller, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. To this union has been born a daughter, Ingeborg Laura J., whose birth occurred March 20, 1911. Mr. Lund is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs, serving for two years as school director. He merits the confidence and respect of all who know him and is numbered among the most substantial citizens of the county.

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### WILLIAM MEYER.

Agricultural interests of Franklin county lost a progressive and worthy representative when William Meyer died in Iowa Falls in 1906. He had long been numbered among the progressive farmers of his locality and had made many substantial contributions to its development during the period of his residence here. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1841 and came to America with his parents when he was ten years of age, the family settling in Illinois. Mr. Meyer afterward moved to Grundy county, Iowa, where he lived until 1869 when he went west, spending ten years in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado as a cowboy. In 1879 he returned to Iowa coming to Franklin county where he bought three hundred and twenty acres on sections 10, 15 and 16, Grant township, and upon this property resided until 1903, meeting every year with increasing success. In that year he retired to Iowa Falls. He made many improvements upon his farm, erecting substantial buildings and installing modern machinery, and he gave a great deal of his time and attention to its development. His efforts being practical and well

directed, he met with a gratifying measure of success and at the time of his death was the owner of one of the best farms in this township.

Mr. Meyer married Miss Emily Surles, a native of Hardin county, and they became the parents of four children: Fred L., a farmer of Grant township; a son who died in infancy; Clara R., the wife of Lars H. Green, of Grant township; and Anthony Wayne. Mr. Meyer's son-in-law, Lars H. Green, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, August 23, 1883. He is a son of Joseph and Louise (Krell) Green, also natives of that county, who came to Iowa in 1891, locating in Grant township, this county. They are now living retired in Iowa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Green have become the parents of a son, Millard W., who was born April 1, 1908. Mr. Green belongs to the Christian church, is connected fraternally with the Mystic Workers and gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

William Meyer attended the Christian church and was a democrat in his political views. He held a number of local offices and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen took an intelligent interest in public affairs, cooperating heartily in all measures and projects for community advancement. He became very well known throughout Franklin county, and his death was widely and deeply regretted.

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#### GUY BOOTH.

One of Franklin county's most progressive and successful native sons is Guy Booth, now operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hamilton township in which township he was born August 30, 1885. He is a son of George Booth, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Guy Booth acquired his education in the district schools of Hamilton township and spent one winter studying in Iowa Falls. His entire life has been spent upon the homestead and this property he operates renting the same from his father. He engages in general farming, and because his methods are always practical and progressive he has met with a gratifying measure of success.

On the 24th of February, 1909, Mr. Booth married Miss Ellen M. Stinson, a native of Franklin county, and they have become the parents of a son, Dwight Harold, born February 8, 1912. Mr. Booth is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of

America and is an attendant of the Methodist church. His political support is given to the republican party, and he is now serving as school director in a creditable and able manner. He is a young man of energy, ambition and enterprise, and his continued success is assured.

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### GEORGE RUDOLPH.

George Rudolph, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 22 and 27, Osceola township, was born in Germany, June 17, 1863. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Weisenbom) Rudolph, natives of Germany, both of whom have passed away. They had three children: George, of this review; Henry, deceased; and Elizabeth, of Germany.

George Rudolph came to America in 1890 and located immediately in Franklin county, where he has since resided. Three years after his arrival he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 22 and 27, Osceola township, and upon this property has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development along progressive and modern lines, erecting substantial buildings and installing modern equipment. He has today a valuable farm, which is the visible evidence of the care and labor he has bestowed upon it.

On the 21st of February, 1893, Mr. Rudolph was united in marriage to Miss Mary Tilka, and they became the parents of three children, Elizabeth, Emma and Mary, all of whom have passed away. Mr. Rudolph is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His life has been a busy and useful one, and his success is indicated in his ownership of one of the valuable farming properties of the community.

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### JAMES HOWARD RICHARDS.

James Howard Richards is closely associated with agricultural interests of Franklin county as the owner of the old Richards home-stead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Reeve township. He was born upon this property May 7, 1879, and is a son of W. H.

and Sarah (Combellick) Richards, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

James H. Richards acquired his education in the public schools of Franklin county and since the beginning of his active life has been engaged in farming, his long experience being one of the most important factors in his success. In 1910 he bought the old home-stead of one hundred and sixty acres, and here he has since carried on general farming and stock-raising, acquiring important interests along both lines.

On the 7th of December, 1904, Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Norma Nobles, a native of Franklin county and one of four children: a son who died in infancy; Fannie, the wife of Sherwood Clock, of Hampton; Norma, the wife of the subject of this review; and Helen, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have two children: Lois Margaret, born February 14, 1909; and James William, whose birth occurred January 21, 1913.

Mr. Richards is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at present secretary of the school board, the cause of education finding in him an earnest and able supporter. He is one of the progressive and active farmers of this locality, and his success is well merited, for he is capable in management and displays untiring energy in carrying forward his interests.

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#### HERMAN HESSE.

Herman Hesse, the owner of four hundred and forty-four acres of well improved land in Hamilton township, was born in Germany, October 14, 1849, a son of Henry and Marie (Meyer) Hesse, also natives of Germany, where the father died. The mother afterward came to America and passed away in this country. To their union were born eight children: Henry, Fred and Kathrina, deceased; a son who died in infancy; Herman, of this review; Heinrich, of Independence, Iowa; Harry, a resident of California; and George, of Bird Island, Minnesota.

Herman Hesse remained in his native country until he was fourteen years of age and then crossed the Atlantic to America, landing in New York, where he remained for four years. At the end of that time he moved to Chicago, Illinois, and there made his home

until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1876 he came to Iowa and located at Waterloo, whence after three years he moved to Hamilton township, this county, where he has since resided, engaged in farming. He owns four hundred and forty acres of land on sections 5, 6, 8, and 9, and has improved his property with modern buildings and equipment. He is regarded as one of the progressive and successful farmers of the locality.

On the 17th of February, 1882, Mr. Hesse was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Gottschalk, who was born in Germany in 1860. Nine children were born to their union: William, who is engaged in farming in Hamilton township; Fred and Herman, at home; Emma and Mamie, deceased; a son who died in infancy; Freda and George, at home; and Harry, born January 3, 1903. Mr. Hesse is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is one of the well known men of the township, and his straightforward dealings, together with his industry, have won him an excellent reputation and enrolled him among the county's substantial and desirable citizens.

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### GEORGE ALLEN.

George Allen, a retired farmer and stock-raiser living in Hampton, was born in Ohio, on the 4th of February, 1842. He is a son of Aaron and Orrel (Brown) Allen, the former of whom died when the subject of this review was five years of age. In the family were five children: Merrick, who was killed during the siege of Corinth in the Civil war; George, of this review; Charles, who died in infancy; Mary, the widow of Louis Knox, of San Leandro, California; and Jemima, deceased.

When George Allen was fourteen years of age he went to the mines around Lake Superior, where for four years he had charge of unloading the cars and weighing the iron ore. At the end of that time he returned to Ohio and there engaged in farming for one year. On the 18th of April, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a three months' term. Upon the expiration of that period he reenlisted for three years in Company E, Sixty-fourth Illinois Sharpshooters. He was taken prisoner at Glendale, Mississippi, in 1863, and sent to Libby prison, where he remained until he was transferred to Pemberton and thence to Danville and then to Andersonville. He was afterward removed to Flo-



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rence, South Carolina, and then to Annapolis, Maryland, and was there released, weighing at that time only eight-five pounds. He was in prison fifteen months. He was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, and returned to Iowa, where in 1865 he bought one hundred and seventy acres in the vicinity of Hampton. When he sold this he bought eighty acres west of the fair grounds and for fifteen years thereafter carried on general farming and stock-raising upon this property. At the end of that time he purchased two hundred and forty acres in Marion township and after five or six years sold this and bought three hundred and seventy-one acres in Wisner township. In 1888 he bought eighty acres east of Hampton and upon this property made a specialty of raising cattle and hogs. His stock-raising interests became extensive and important in the course of years, his able management and practical methods resulting in a gratifying measure of success. In 1898 Mr. Allen retired from active life and moved into Hampton, where he occupies an attractive home at No. 613 East Sixth street.

Mr. Allen has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Vastia Delmater, a native of New York, who passed away in 1889, leaving a daughter, Frances J., who married George P. Artley, a farmer residing east of Hampton. On the 9th of April, 1901, Mr. Allen married Miss Mary Crawford, a native of Delaware county, Ohio.

Mr. Allen is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served with credit and ability in various positions of trust and responsibility. In all relations of life he has maintained a high standard of honor and integrity and has won the respect and confidence of those who have come in contact with him.

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### EDWARD G. HELVIG.

Edward G. Helvig, who during the entire period of his active life has been influentially associated with farming and stock-raising interests of Franklin county, is a representative of a family which has been well known in this locality since 1868. He was born in Grant township, February 26, 1876, and is a son of George and Caroline (Liese) Helvig, natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1868 and settled in Geneva township, Franklin county, and removed to section 21, Grant township, in 1875, where the father engaged in

farming until his death, which occurred June 8, 1905. His wife survives him and makes her home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Twelve children were born to their union: William, deceased; Henry, a resident of Hampton; Annie, the wife of John Mohler, of Grant township; John, who has passed away; Emma, who married Fred Heines, of Geneva township; Edward, of Grant township; Sophie, the wife of Jake England, of Grant township; Susie, who married Gottlieb Kracht, of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Louisa, the wife of L. Meyer, of Lee township; Christina, who married A. Meyer, of Grant township; Carrie, who has passed away; and Esther, the wife of F. Musigmann, of Grant township.

Edward G. Helvig was reared at home and acquired his education in the district schools of Grant township. He became familiar at an early age with the best and most practical agricultural methods and when he began his independent career naturally turned his attention to farming. After his father's death he bought one hundred and fourteen acres of the old homestead and in 1913 sold this and bought two hundred acres on section 21, Lee township, where he now resides. This property he has since continued to cultivate and from the beginning has met with excellent success, standing today in the front ranks of progressive and representative agriculturists.

On the 25th of June, 1902, Mr. Helvig was united in marriage to Miss Bena Shaw, a native of Illinois, and to this union have been born three children: Harley William, born April 6, 1903; Arthur Bernard, born October 8, 1904; and Dorothy Minnie, born March 13, 1910. Mr. Helvig is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held various township offices and has proven capable and reliable in positions of responsibility. He is widely and favorably known in Franklin county and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in his community.

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#### D. W. SHROYER.

D. W. Shroyer, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon a quarter section of land on section 16, Reeve township, was born in Franklin county, December 28, 1858, a son of Lewis and Johannah F. (Jones) Shroyer, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. Shroyer of this review was reared in

Franklin county and acquired his education in the district schools. When he was about thirty years of age he moved to South Dakota and took up a homestead there. In 1888 he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Wright county, operating this for four years. When he sold it he returned to Franklin county and purchased a quarter of section 16, Reeve township, upon which he has since resided. He has made excellent improvements upon it, erecting new buildings and installing modern equipment and has made it a productive and valuable farm.

In 1885 Mr. Shroyer married Miss Melinda Bullis, who has passed away. They became the parents of a daughter, Lulu May, who died at the age of eleven. Mr. Shroyer afterward married Miss Kathryn Blake, a native of Franklin county, and to this union have been born four children: Lewis Blake, whose natal day was August 31, 1901; Grace Joan, who was born February 5, 1903; Raymond Allison, born December 30, 1904; and Willard Martin, born July 5, 1906. Mr. Shroyer attends the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of the most progressive and active farmers of Reeve township—a man whom Franklin county is proud to number among her native sons.

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#### FRANK H. DIRST.

Frank H. Dirst, who since 1892 has been connected with farming interests of Franklin county, owning two hundred and eight acres of excellent land on section 34, Reeve township, was born in Grundy county, Illinois, October 19, 1873. He is a son of Howard and Susan (Crawford) Dirst, natives of Ohio, who came to Franklin county in 1892. The father died August 28, 1893, and his wife survived him until November, 1910. In the family were two children: Clifford, deceased; and Frank H., of this review.

Frank H. Dirst was reared in Grundy county, Illinois, and acquired his education in the public schools. He came to Franklin county with his parents in March, 1892, and immediately began operating the farm which his father had previously purchased. He now owns this property, which comprises two hundred and eight acres on section 34, Reeve township. He engages in general farming and also feeds sheep on an extensive scale, his animals commanding high prices on the local market.

On the 2d of December, 1896, Mr. Dirst was united in marriage to Miss Ella J. Marble, a native of Franklin county, and they have become the parents of four children: Harold, Maude, Howard and Charles. Mr. Dirst is a member of the Baptist church, is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man who, through industry and enterprise, has acquired an excellent reputation in the community, standing in the front ranks of progressive and representative agriculturists.

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### OLIN W. THOMAS.

Olin W. Thomas, a representative of a well known family of Franklin county and one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of Hamilton township, is a native son of this locality, born December 13, 1871. His father, Theodore Thomas, was born in Ogle county, Illinois, October 2, 1844, and when he was seventeen years of age enlisted at Byron, Illinois, in Company B, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years, taking part in Sherman's march to the sea, and was mustered out at Concord, North Carolina, receiving his honorable discharge at Chicago, Illinois. In the spring of 1868 he moved to Iowa and located near Faulkner, where he remained until 1876. He then moved to Franklin county and settled on a farm on sections 23 and 26, Reeve township, whereon he has since resided. He owns two hundred and seven acres of valuable land and is regarded as one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of this locality. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Wagner, a native of Ogle county, Illinois, became the parents of seven children: Winnie, who died in infancy; Olin W., of this review; Elias W., of Craig, Colorado; Edna Elizabeth, the wife of R. E. Towle, of Hampton; Theodore L. and Frank A., who reside in Geneva; and Henry R., of Hampton.

Olin W. Thomas was reared upon the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools of Franklin county. From an early age he assisted in the operation of the homestead and thus became familiar with the best and most practical agricultural methods. At the age of twenty-three he rented eighty-five acres and after one year rented another tract of one hundred and forty acres. This farm he operated for six years and then moved to

Osceola township, where he continued active in agricultural pursuits for eight years. In 1909 he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Hamilton township, and upon this property has since resided. He has greatly improved the farm, providing it with substantial buildings and modern equipment, and upon the property engages in general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his activities being extensive and important.

On the 21st of March, 1894, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss May L. Jones, a native of Grundy county and a daughter of John Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have four children: Wava E., born March 16, 1895; Floyd A., who was born June 9, 1898, and who died December 2, 1900; Mildred E., whose birth occurred September 24, 1902; and Myrna M., born March 26, 1906. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Christian church, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is one of the most progressive and successful of Franklin county's native sons, and his influence has been a tangible force for good in the community.

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#### ASBURY THEODORE HAMILTON.

Asbury Theodore Hamilton, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Franklin county and today one of the progressive and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Hamilton township, was born January 1, 1874. He is a son of Andrew and Jane (Stockdale) Hamilton, natives of Ireland and pioneers in Hamilton township, this county, the name having been given to the township in their honor. They located on section 25 in 1856 and the father afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He died in Iowa Falls, Iowa, at the age of eighty-four and is survived by his wife. To their union were born eleven children: Charles, Robert, William and Frank, residents of Iowa Falls; Jess, of Kenawa, Iowa; Arthur, deceased; A. T., of this review; Lilly M., of Iowa Falls; Maggie, who has passed away; a daughter, who died in infancy, and John C., of Iowa Falls.

A. T. Hamilton acquired his education in the district schools of Franklin county and later attended Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls for three years. Following this he took charge of the home-stead in Hamilton township, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon its two hundred and twenty acres until 1903. He then bought one hundred and eighty-six acres in Reeve township and

has operated this farm since that time in conjunction with the Hamilton homestead in Hamilton township and one hundred acres on section 36, Hamilton township, which he owns. In 1913 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Grant township, upon which he has a renter. He is an extensive stock breeder and dealer, shipping many carloads of cattle annually. He is especially interested in breeding thoroughbred registered Durham cattle. His interests are intelligently managed and have brought him a gratifying degree of prosperity.

On the 16th of January, 1904, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Grace L. Bird, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Robert and Jane (Oxford) Bird, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. Mr. Bird was a pioneer farmer of Franklin county and now resides retired in Marshalltown, Iowa. Mrs. Bird died in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are the parents of four children: Helen T., Lillian L., Howard A. and Elizabeth J. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist church, while Mrs. Hamilton is a member of the Christian church. He is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He was formerly a director in the Bradford Savings Bank and is a stanch republican in his political views. In matters of citizenship he is progressive and public-spirited and in business capable and farsighted, and his record is a credit to a name that has long been held in high honor and esteem in Franklin county.

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#### J. C. POWERS, M. D.

In the history of the medical profession mention should be made of J. C. Powers, an able physician of broad learning, who is seldom, if ever, at fault in the diagnosis of a case and who discharges his professional duties with a sense of conscientious obligation. He was born in Butler county, this state, November 24, 1868, a son of Milton I., and Ella E. (Manley) Powers, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in the year 1867 and the father, who was a physician, engaged in active practice in Butler county for thirty-five years. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts University at Boston of the class of 1861 and was a learned, capable man, ever faithful in the performance of his professional services. Both he and his wife passed away in Hampton, the former in December, 1902, and the latter in July, 1907. In their family were



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two sons and a daughter: J. C., of this review; Milton L., who is vice president and cashier of the Citizens Bank of Flagstaff, Arizona; and Jennie, the wife of Dr. H. C. Hunter, of Meford, Utah.

Liberal educational opportunities were given Dr. J. C. Powers, who was a student in the Iowa State University at Iowa City and is a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago, being numbered among its alumni of 1897. Whether inherited tendency or natural predilection had most to do with his choice of a profession it is impossible to determine, but it is evident that the choice was made wisely and well. He opened an office in Hampton, where he has remained for sixteen years and throughout this period he has given practical demonstration of his ability to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to alleviate sickness and suffering and restore health. He is one of the directors and the vice president of the Franklin County Bank and is president of the Purcell Printing Company and the Hampton Mercantile Company. Thus he is an active factor in commercial and industrial as well as professional circles, and it is a recognized fact that his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unfaltering.

Dr. Powers has been married twice. He first wedded Alice R. Seymour, who died leaving one child, Ella Marie. The Doctor has adopted a boy named Allen Linn. Dr. Powers was married November 21, 1901, to Emma Haas, formerly superintendent of the Minneapolis City Hospital. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, in which order he has attained high rank, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state, and his circle of friends is almost coextensive therewith. He conforms his practice closely to a high standard of professional ethics and enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his professional brethren.

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### WILLIAM J. SHROYER.

In taking up the personal history of William J. Shroyer we present to our readers the life record of one of the oldest pioneer settlers in Franklin county. Almost six decades have passed since he arrived here, finding a sparsely settled region that gave little indication of the changes which were to occur and make this one of the populous

and prosperous sections of the state. For an extended period he was identified with its agricultural interests and land which he purchased at a nominal figure is today worth two hundred dollars per acre.

Mr. Shroyer was born February 19, 1834, in Monongalia county, West Virginia, a son of Melker Baker and Rebecca (Jones) Shroyer. The father was born October 25, 1807, and died in 1877, while the mother, a native of Virginia, born November 1, 1812, passed away in 1848. The former was a son of Louis Shroyer, a gunsmith of Maryland, who was of Dutch lineage. The father, who was a gunsmith and blacksmith, went to West Virginia and from there to Delaware county, Indiana, where he continued throughout the remainder of his life, conducting a gunsmith and blacksmith shop, although he lived upon a farm, which was cultivated by his sons. There were eight children in his family. Louis, who was born December 26, 1832, was a farmer of Franklin county, Iowa, but died in 1907. William J. is the second of the family. Sarah, born August 20, 1836, became the wife of Joseph Dean and after his death married Mordecai Dodge, who died while serving as a soldier of the Civil war, while her death occurred in 1905. Nathan, who was born October 25, 1838, and followed farming in Delaware county, Indiana, died in 1909. Elizabeth, who was born July 20, 1841, became the wife of Joseph Meeks, a farmer and stockman of Indiana, and died in 1910. Jacob, who was born September 10, 1843, was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain when but sixteen years of age. John A., born December 21, 1845, was a farmer of Indiana and died in 1908. Eliza J., born July 10, 1848, passed away in March, 1910.

William J. Shroyer was but four years of age when his parents went to Indiana from West Virginia. He spent his youth on a farm in that state and had but limited educational opportunities, for his labors were needed upon the old homestead. He continued to assist his father until he attained his majority save for a short time when he worked as fireman at a steam mill. When he had reached manhood he and his eldest brother, Louis, started for Iowa, whither an uncle, Henry Shroyer, had preceded them. They traveled on the railroad to Galena, Illinois, and by stage to Dubuque, Iowa, and thence walked to their destination. They had none of the comforts of modern travel, but the hardships of the trip did not deter them, as they were ambitious and eager to try life in this state, where they hoped success awaited them. William J. Shroyer arrived in Blackhawk county May 13, 1855, and remained there for two months, after which he joined his brother in Franklin county, where both

entered the employ of their uncle, Henry Shroyer, where they helped build a mill for him near Maysville. There they continued until the marriage of William J. Shroyer. In the meantime they had arranged to buy the mill, but as their wage was but seventy-five cents per day each this hardly gave them sufficient capital to make the purchase and they accordingly resorted to other means. They built two houses for their uncle, who was then county judge, and through him they secured a contract for building a bridge. Through that work they made an exchange so as to secure the mill about the time of William J. Shroyer's marriage. Afterward he sold the mill and his share was invested in eighty acres of land, which he purchased at seven dollars and a quarter per acre. In after years he added to his holdings until he had one hundred and thirty acres and such has been the increase in land values that his property is worth two hundred dollars per acre. His farm is situated on section 9, Reeve township, and is now occupied and managed by his son, Wooster W. Mr. Shroyer carried on general farming and stock-raising with marked success until the time of his retirement in 1903, when he took up his abode in Hampton, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On the 21st of October, 1858, was celebrated the marriage of William J. Shroyer and Miss Maria Rucker, who was born February 15, 1839, and removed from Ohio to Indiana and later came to Franklin county, Iowa, with her parents, James and Mary (Baker) Rucker, who were farming people of Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer traveled life's journey together for more than a half century and were then separated by the death of the wife on the 4th of January, 1910. They were the parents of five children: Everett L., who was born December 22, 1860, and died May 10, 1887; Ella, who was born January 8, 1863, and is now the wife of V. J. Kratz; Cora, who was born February 2, 1866, and for some years was a successful teacher of the county but is now acting as housekeeper for her father; Minnie M., who was born July 2, 1871, and is the wife of B. Appleby, a farmer of Geneva township; and Wooster W., who was born July 16, 1874, and is now carrying on the home farm. There are also seven grandchildren.

Mr. Shroyer is an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist church and also belongs to the Methodist Brotherhood, a social organization of the church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he is not an office seeker, preferring always that others should hold office. He, however, has been town trustee and is a member of the school board. He is a splendidly preserved

man of eighty years, possessing the physical and intellectual vigor of a man in his prime. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present in his county. He still has in his possession a rocking chair which bears the date 1858, the year in which he was married. He also has a tax receipt which indicates that on the 29th of May, 1858, he paid the county treasurer eight cents, which was the tax upon a town lot in Maysville. Another interesting old paper in his possession is an invitation, dated February 2, 1858, for "himself and lady to a cotillion party at the Hampton House." Mr. Shroyer is one of but three survivors who voted at the first election held in Franklin county on the 5th of August, 1855. He possesses a remarkable memory and relates many interesting incidents and events of the early days as well as of later years, indicating the trend of growth, development and progress in this county. He has lived to see remarkable changes, for at the time of his arrival there was every evidence of frontier life, with little to indicate what the future had in store for this great and growing western country. He has ever borne his share in the work of development and progress and has long been regarded as one of the substantial and valued citizens of the community.

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### REUBEN ATKINSON.

Reuben Atkinson, who has been a resident of Franklin county for more than three decades, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Clinton township and is now living retired at Sheffield. His birth occurred in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, on the 27th of June, 1853, his parents being David and Jane (Raisbeck) Atkinson, natives of England. David Atkinson was a farmer of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and there both he and his wife passed away.

Reuben Atkinson spent his boyhood on a farm and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. In the spring of 1882, when a young man of twenty-nine years, he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and purchased a slightly improved tract of land comprising eighty acres. There he carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career and as his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of val-



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able land in Ross and Clinton townships. Six years ago, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Sheffield, where he is now living in honorable retirement, leaving the operation of his farm to his sons. He likewise owns forty-two acres of timber land in Richland township and is widely recognized as one of the substantial, respected and representative citizens of his adopted county.

In Illinois Mr. Atkinson wedded Miss Henrietta James, a native of Jo Daviess county, by whom he had six children, as follows: David, who resides on his father's farm in Ross township and who married Miss Minnie Ingebretson, a daughter of Albert and Johanna Ingebretson, the former a large landowner of Franklin county and also engaged in the live stock business; Herbert H., who married Miss Julia Whitney and also lives on his father's farm; Henry R., who is engaged in business at Fayette, Iowa; Emeline, a student in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette; John, who died at the age of eighteen years; and one, who passed away in infancy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Atkinson has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he is especially active. For twenty-two years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, class leader and also as a member of the official board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are held in high esteem in Sheffield, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

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#### J. R. RUNTON.

J. R. Runton, one of the successful agriculturists and early settlers of Ross township, where he has resided continuously for the past thirty-seven years, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 21. His birth occurred in England on the 6th of August, 1849, his parents being David and Elizabeth (Suggitt) Runton, who were likewise natives of that country. In 1856 they emigrated to the United States and after spending one winter in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, took up their abode at Apple River, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where they resided throughout the remainder of their lives. The father was a carpenter

by trade. His demise occurred when he had attained the age of fifty-eight years, while the mother was sixty-seven years old when called to her final rest. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were three in number, as follows: Dora, who passed away at Dixon, Illinois, and who was the wife of Robert Suggitt; J. R., of this review; and Mary, who died in 1866, at the age of fifteen years.

J. R. Runton, who was a lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, spent the period of his youth in Illinois and after acquiring his education worked at the carpenter's trade with his father until 1876. In that year he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and located on a tract of unimproved land comprising one hundred sixty acres in section 21, Ross township. This has remained in his possession to the present time, and as the years have gone by he has brought the place to a high state of cultivation and improvement, erecting substantial buildings and enhancing the value of the property in many ways. He is engaged in general farming, and his efforts in this connection have been attended with well merited and gratifying success.

In Illinois, Mr. Runton wedded Miss Lucinda Emry, a native of Ohio, by whom he had three children. David E. Runton, who is married and has two children, is a photographer of Sheffield, Iowa. Lessie May gave her hand in marriage to G. W. Van Nest, who resides on the farm of his father-in-law. Joel E., born July 19, 1878, died at the age of thirteen months.

In politics Mr. Runton is a stanch republican, and for nine years he has ably served in the capacity of township trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Chapin, to which his wife also belongs. He is widely known in the community where he has so long resided, and his substantial characteristics have gained him the warm regard and unqualified trust of his fellow townsmen.

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#### STATE SAVINGS BANK OF HAMPTON.

The State Savings Bank of Hampton was organized in 1905 by about fifty stockholders living in Franklin county. For seven years it has occupied the main corner in Hampton, and the position which it occupies in the community is indicated by its constant and substantial growth. It has ever acted upon the policy that a satisfied

customer is the best advertisement, knowing also that the bank which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors is the one most worthy of public support. The following statement given at the dates mentioned to the auditor of state indicates the substantial and continuous growth of the bank:

August 4, 1904 .....	\$ 48,827.32
August 25, 1905 .....	87,546.58
May 17, 1906 .....	131,707.96
December 3, 1907 .....	145,610.45
December 3, 1908 .....	147,728.82
May 18, 1909 .....	176,627.78
September 14, 1910 .....	187,004.64
February 8, 1911 .....	206,438.32
June 21, 1912 .....	216,105.09
April 17, 1913 .....	292,105.19

The bank is capitalized for forty thousand dollars and its present officers are: Adam Messelheiser, president; S. T. Blain, vice president; O. W. Maxwell, cashier; D. C. Wolf, assistant cashier; and Robert M. Harrison, teller and second vice president.

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### JOHN M. FAHEY.

John M. Fahey, a native of Franklin county, is closely connected with agricultural interests of Osceola township, operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33. He was born upon this property December 19, 1884, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Holloran) Fahey, who are now living retired in Ackley. In this family were nine children: Ligouri, the wife of Samuel Martin, of George, Iowa; John M., of this review; Mary Ellen, who married James Parden, of George, Iowa; Thomas, deceased; Irene, at home; Viola, who has passed away; Robert, Laura and Floyd, of Ackley.

John M. Fahey was reared at home and from his early childhood assisted with the operation of the farm, learning in this way the best and most practical methods of farm operation. In 1911 he rented the homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Osceola township, and here he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has followed always the most

practical and progressive methods and has met with excellent success in the conduct of his interests.

On the 28th of December, 1910, Mr. Fahey was united in marriage to Miss Clara Breithaupt, a daughter of George F. and Nellie (Jenkins) Breithaupt, the former a native of Germany and the latter of St. John, New Brunswick. The parents came to Iowa in 1871 and the father conducted a hotel in Ackley until his death June 28, 1913. His wife survives him and makes her home in Ackley. Twelve children were born to their union: Annie, deceased; Helena, the wife of Alex Thompson of Marshalltown, Iowa; Matilda, who married Henry Smith, of Wichita, Kansas; Ada, who has passed away; Catherine, the wife of William Neary, of Butte, Montana; George L., also of Butte; Frank, deceased; Lillian, of Charles City, Iowa; Leo, of Columbus, Ohio; Lulu, who has passed away; Clara, the wife of the subject of this review; and Harry, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Fahey is a member of the Catholic church and connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and although he is not active as an office seeker, he served with credit and ability as school director. He is a young man of energy, enterprise and ambition, and he has become widely and favorably known in his native township for his many sterling traits of character.

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#### BENJAMIN WRIGHT WHITE.

For a long period Benjamin Wright White was closely connected with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of Franklin county, but in his later years he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He passed away March 27, 1907, and was then but fifty-three years of age. Within the period of his active life he acquired success that many an older man might well envy. He was born near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 3, 1853, a son of Mathew and Alta (Taylor) White. The father was a native of England and when a lad of fifteen crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in New York. There he married Alta Taylor, a native of that state. On removing westward to Wisconsin they took up their abode near Milwaukee, where Mr. White followed the occupation of farming. In 1870 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, where he remained for several years with his family. He afterward returned to Wis-

consin, but again came to Franklin county in 1876, settling in Marion township, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1887. His wife passed away in December of the same year. In their family were seven children: Joseph, who followed farming in Franklin county but is now deceased; Mary, the widow of Joseph Taylor, of Hampton; Eugene; Sarah Green, who has passed away; Harriett, the widow of W. M. Place, formerly of Wisconsin but now a resident of Hampton; Benjamin Wright; and Viola, the wife of M. E. Ferris, of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mr. White pursued his education in the rural schools of Wisconsin and spent his youthful days upon the farm, remaining under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age. In 1876 he married and came to Franklin county, reaching Hampton on the 15th of March of that year. Mr. White had rented some land four miles north of Hampton, and for three years he continued to cultivate a farm which he leased. During that period he carefully saved his earnings, practicing close economy, and at the end of that time was enabled to purchase forty acres in Marion township. He also farmed the Clemmer place for five years and then purchased two hundred acres in the same township, upon which he continued to make his home until he retired from active business life in 1900 and removed to Hampton. He was a very energetic and progressive farmer and an extensive stock-raiser. In later years he specialized in the raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and did much to improve the grade of stock raised in his part of the county. Both branches of his business proved profitable, because of his capable management and unfaltering energy. In the meantime he acquired additional land, owning about five hundred acres at the time of his death. When he retired in 1900 he rented his place and thereafter lived in the enjoyment of an income which resulted from his wise and judicious investment in property.

On the 14th of March, 1876, Mr. White was married in Monroe, Wisconsin, to Miss Lena Eitle, who was born near that place, a daughter of John G. and Magdlena (Fishes) Eitle. The father, a native of Germany, came to America in 1848 or 1849, settling in the state of New York. After a few years he removed westward, taking up his abode near Monroe, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, joining the twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry in 1863 and serving until the close of hostilities. He died in August, 1898, having for about twelve years survived his wife, who passed away in 1886. She, too, was a native of Germany. In their family were seven children: Louis, a res-

ident of Texas; Mary, who was the widow of Adam Schindler and who died in Wisconsin in 1906; Robert, a resident of Marshall, Minnesota; Paulina, the wife of S. T. Blain, of Hampton, Iowa; Mrs. White; John, living in Hampton; and Edward, a resident farmer of Hawkeye, Fayette county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. White became the parents of a son, Earl Stanley, who died in infancy. Mr. White was essentially a home man and spent all of his leisure hours at his own fireside. His political support was given to the republican party, but he never sought nor desired office. He was always faithful in friendship, loyal in citizenship and devoted to the welfare of his wife and his relatives. That he possessed excellent business ability is indicated in the results which he achieved, bringing him from a most humble financial position to a place among the prosperous residents of his state. In 1913 Mrs. White built a beautiful and modern residence on Fifth street in Hampton, where she spends her time amid most pleasant surroundings, having the warm friendship of Hampton's best people.

#### ROBERT FRANCIS SULLIVAN.

Robert Francis Sullivan, who passed away at Phoenix, Arizona, on the 9th of December, 1905, where he had gone in search of health, took up his abode in Franklin county in 1870 and during the long period of his residence here was variously engaged, following school teaching and farming and later being identified with the implement business and also the dry-goods trade.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 1st of February, 1845, his parents being John and Margaret Sullivan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Georgia. The period of his boyhood was spent in his native county and in the acquirement of his early education he attended the common schools, later continuing his studies at Iowa City. Subsequently he spent a few years in the west and after returning to this state taught school in Jones county. During the summers of 1868 and 1869 he resided in Franklin county, having purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land in Ross township. In the winter seasons of those two years he taught school near Monticello, Jones county. One of his pupils there was Miss Emogene McCarty, whom he wedded in 1870. She was born in Watertown, New York, on the 17th of June, 1851, her parents





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being Hayes and Emeline (Angel) McCarty, natives of Canada and Vermont respectively. In the year of their marriage, in March, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Sullivan drove overland to Hampton, Franklin county, the trip consuming an entire week. Then they spent another week in Hampton while Mr. Sullivan prepared their home. It was a frame structure and was not yet completed when they took up their abode therein, the floor being not entirely laid and no doors or windows having yet been put in. Their household possessions consisted of six plates, six cups, six saucers, six chairs, a table, a bedstead and a little cook stove. During the first year they planted corn with a hand dropper, and the Marsh harvester was used to cut grain. When household duties did not require her attention, Mrs. Sullivan was often out in the fields and helped shock the grain. During several winter seasons her husband was engaged in teaching in Franklin county, the schoolhouse being situated a mile from their home. She accompanied Mr. Sullivan to his school every day and remembers a visit of the old county superintendent, L. B. Raymond. There were no newspapers and no magazines in circulation here, and in her hunger for reading matter she perused her schoolbooks many times. Robert F. Sullivan had operated a threshing machine and the funds obtained from this source, added to his salary as a teacher, were such that he was enabled to begin saving a little money. He owned three horses and a wagon and had paid six dollars an acre for the quarter section of raw prairie land which first came into his possession. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he acquired a half section of land in Ross township and also purchased property elsewhere, in Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota. Success attended his various undertakings, for he was a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for ten years and then came to Sheffield, embarking in the implement business and building up a gratifying trade in this connection. He was likewise engaged in the dry-goods business in association with his son. Impaired health at length necessitated his retirement and he went west, hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial. While in Phoenix, Arizona, he passed away on the 9th of December, 1905.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were born eight children, as follows: Chester, who has charge of the affairs of the Rumley Manufacturing Company at Buenos Aires, South America; Leon S., who is a resident of Sheffield, Iowa; Hallie, the wife of Van R. Chase, of Alberta, Canada; Clarence F., living in Park River, North Dakota;

Olive, who gave her hand in marriage to Walter D. Bigg, of Sheffield; Eva and Lillian, who died in infancy; and Ida Pearl, who died in 1899, when twenty-five years of age. Mrs. Sullivan resides in a beautiful stucco dwelling in Sheffield. She has lived in Franklin county for a period of forty-three years and is well known and highly esteemed within its borders. In her daily life she exemplifies the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which her deceased husband was also a devoted member. Mr. Sullivan was a popular member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and his memory will long be cherished by the many who were his friends.

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### BENJAMIN A. HOLMES.

For many years Benjamin A. Holmes was engaged as a contractor in Hampton, Iowa, but of late has turned his attention to the optical business. He was born in DeKalb county, Illinois, December 15, 1852, and is a son of Samuel A. and Sarah Jane (Harris) Holmes, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Illinois. The father was a carpenter by trade. They were the parents of fourteen children: Benjamin A., of this review; Phoebe, the widow of J. P. Webber, of Hampton; Caroline, deceased; Lady, who married W. E. Jewell, of Hampton; John, a resident of Minnesota; Etta, the wife of Robert Bruce, of Mason City; James M., of Hampton; Charles, of Minnesota; Almond, of Franklin county; Chauncy, deceased; May, who is married and resides in Washington; and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Samuel A. Holmes could put forth the claim of being the first white child of her sex born in Chicago. Her father, Benjamin Harris, moved with his family to Chicago, or Fort Dearborn as it was then called, in 1831. Mrs. Holmes relates in her memoirs that not more than half a dozen white people had preceded them to Fort Dearborn and that all of them were Indian traders. She goes on to tell that in the fall the Indians drove the whites into the fort, where they remained during the winter. During this period she was born at Fort Dearborn on January 11, 1832. The Chicago Tribune some time ago published an interesting chapter in relation to her and the Harris family of that time. In 1883 Benjamin Harris moved to another part of the state of Illinois and later settled in Iowa. Sarah Jane Harris married Samuel A. Holmes in January, 1852. He came to Iowa in 1864, locating at Waterloo, and there he remained until 1874, when he

came to Hampton. Here he was for many years engaged in the express business and was widely and popularly known as Major Holmes. His death occurred in January, 1912.

Benjamin A. Holmes was but fourteen years of age when he applied himself to the mason's trade and for over twenty-five years was successful as a builder and contractor in Hampton. In 1900 he entered the Johnson Optical College of Chicago, from which he received a diploma and also secured a permit from the state of Iowa as an examiner of the eyes. He has since been engaged in the optical business.

On May 30, 1876, Mr. Holmes married Miss Lucy May Bailey, a native of Illinois, who bore her husband four children, all of whom passed away in Illinois in infancy. Mrs. Lucy M. Holmes died August 23, 1882. Mr. Holmes later married Miss Anna Moist, a native of Hampton, this marriage occurring July 14, 1884. To them were born three children: Fay B., the wife of Albert Latham, of Kansas; Guy B., of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Ray S., of Texline, Texas. The mother of these children passed away and Mr. Holmes later married Mrs. Ida (Howes) Minnier, widow of Truman Minnier. She is a native of Missouri but has lived in Franklin county ever since she was two weeks old. By her marriage to Mr. Minnier she has two children: Myrtle, the wife of C. L. Wright, of Clear Lake, Iowa; and Howard, at home.

Mr. Holmes is a republican and member of the Christian church. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and has many friends in Hampton and the vicinity.

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### JAMES REDDING.

Since 1876 James Redding has been connected with farming interests of Franklin county, and he is now the owner of two hundred acres of land whereon he engages successfully in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Ireland, December 29, 1835, and is a son of John and Bridget (Ryan) Redding, also natives of the Emerald isle, who came to America, locating in Dubuque county, Iowa, in 1836. Forty years later they moved to Franklin county and there passed away in 1893. To their union were born eight children: James, of this review; Mary, the wife of John Flanagan, of Dubuque county; Ann and Michael, who reside in Ackley; John, Josephine

and Frank, deceased; and Katherine, who married Thomas King, of Osceola township.

James Redding was reared in Dubuque county, Iowa, and acquired his education in the public schools. After beginning his active career he farmed upon rented land there until 1876. In that year he came to Franklin county with his parents and purchased eighty acres of land, which he developed and improved for ten years thereafter. At the end of that time he sold this and bought a farm of one hundred acres, which he afterward disposed of, buying one hundred and sixty acres. When he sold this he purchased his present farm of two hundred acres on section 36, Reeve township. This he has improved with substantial barns and outbuildings and upon it has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising, meeting with gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 21st of January, 1873, Mr. Redding was united in marriage to Miss Mary Markham, a native of Iowa, and they became the parents of nine children: twins, who died in infancy; John, a resident of Franklin county; Clem and Leo, at home; Maggie, deceased; Maggie, second of the name, who has also passed away; Irene, at home; and Agnes, deceased. Mr. Redding is a member of the Roman Catholic church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. No record of the agricultural development of Franklin county would be complete without the history of his honorable and useful career, for he is recognized throughout the community as one of its most valuable and estimable citizens.

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### I. L. STUART.

I. L. Stuart, owner and editor of the Franklin County Recorder, the oldest paper in the county, became foreman of that journal in 1881 and has been identified therewith continuously since or for a period covering more than three decades. His birth occurred in Chester, Vermont, on the 27th of August, 1855, his parents being J. Q. and Lucy J. (Burton) Stuart, who removed to Wisconsin in 1867. The father still survives and is now living retired in Wisconsin, but the mother passed away in that state.

I. L. Stuart attended the common schools of Wisconsin and when fourteen years of age entered a printing office, learning the trade. He was with the Milwaukee Sentinel for two years and in 1878 came to Iowa, locating at Charles City, where he was employed as

foreman by the Floyd County Advocate until 1881. In that year he came to Hampton and was made foreman of the Franklin County Recorder, which paper he now owns. He subsequently became assistant editor under L. B. Raymond, who was his partner for twenty-six years. In 1909 he purchased Mr. Raymond's interest and has since conducted the journal independently and in such a manner that its subscription and advertising patronage is steadily increasing.

Mr. Stuart married Miss Kitty Clemmer, a representative of a pioneer family of Wisconsin. They have two children, as follows: Ralph R., who is a graduate of the law department of George Washington University; and May, a student in the University of Iowa. Mr. Stuart gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of Windsor Lodge, No. 71. He likewise belongs to Mason City Lodge No. 375, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

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### THOMAS CORWIN ELLIS.

Among the younger farmers of Morgan township, Franklin county, who have already achieved success, is Thomas Corwin Ellis, who was born in this county, October 10, 1873, a son of Jacob and Caroline (Root) Ellis, the father a native of Illinois, and the mother of Ohio. They made settlement in Franklin county in 1869, locating in Morgan township near Dows. Both father and mother have passed away. They were the parents of five children: Hattie, who married Julius Malnory, of Dows, Iowa; John, who makes his home with Mr. Ellis of this review; Clara, the wife of Warren Le Barron, of Morgan township; Ida, who has passed away; and Thomas Corwin, our subject.

Thomas Corwin Ellis was reared under the parental roof and attended school in the neighborhood of his father's farm. He remained with the latter on the home place until the father passed away but in 1893 bought twenty-five acres of land on section 20, Morgan township. That he has met with good success is evident from the fact that he now owns two hundred and eighty acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Ellis has made excellent improvements upon his land, and his buildings are in good repair. He follows the most up-to-date methods in farming

and has already achieved a substantial position in Morgan township.

The marriage of Thomas Corwin Ellis and Ada Loucks occurred on May 9, 1893, and to them were born four children: Clesson L.; Vae and John, both deceased; and Caroline L., at home. Mr. Ellis is a republican. He has been township assessor and township clerk and has discharged the duties of these offices satisfactorily to all concerned. He is a Presbyterian and takes interest in church work. Both he and his wife are well and favorably known in Morgan township and have many friends in that neighborhood.

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### JACOB HEUBERGER.

Jacob Heuberger, an agriculturist residing on section 20, Ross township, has made his home in Franklin county for more than a third of a century and is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Canton Aargau, Switzerland, on the 3d of March, 1844, his parents being Henry and Mary (Buchle) Heuberger, who passed away in that country. The father attained the age of eighty-two, while the mother was seventy-seven years old when called to her final rest.

Jacob Heuberger was reared in his native land and acquired a good education in its schools. He learned the wagon maker's trade in Switzerland and was also a soldier in that country, being registered and meeting for practice several times each year. From earliest youth he had cherished an ambition to see the world and in 1872, when twenty-eight years of age, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling at Scales Mound, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he worked at his trade. In December, 1875, he returned to Switzerland, visiting with his parents until the following June, when he returned to the United States and again began working at his trade in Scales Mound and Apple River, Illinois. In 1879 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and for a number of years worked as a wagon maker at Chapin. He was a competent workman and did a profitable business, being eventually enabled to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land in Ross township. In 1890 he took up his abode on the farm, erected a set of substantial buildings and undertook the cultivation of the land, which had been merely plowed when it came into his possession. As the years have passed he has won prosperity in his farming operations, the well tilled fields



JACOB HEUBERGER



annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

At Scales Mound, Illinois, Mr. Heuberger was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gerber, who was born in Switzerland on the 14th of December, 1858, her parents being Henry and Mary (Werndle) Gerber. The Heuberger and Gerber families were neighbors in Switzerland. Mrs. Elizabeth Heuberger was eight years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, both of whom passed away on a farm in Jo Daviess county, Illinois. Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Mamie E., Harry H., Bertha A., Louis F. and Charley J., all at home. The sons are splendid specimens of young manhood, being all more than six feet tall.

Mr. Heuberger has always supported the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well posted on political questions. He and his oldest son are worthy exemplars of the Masonic fraternity, the father belonging to the lodge in Hampton and the son belonging at Sheffield. Both are members of the commandery of Iowa Falls, having attained to the Knights Templar degree. The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church. Seeking the advantages of the new world as a young man, Mr. Heuberger eagerly availed himself of the opportunities which presented themselves and, wisely directing his energies, has won prosperity and high regard in the country of his adoption.

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#### EDWARD HUGH STINSON.

Since 1870 Edward Hugh Stinson has lived upon his present farm of two hundred acres on section 21, Hamilton township, and by his well directed efforts and intelligent management has surrounded himself with a comfortable degree of prosperity, contributing at the same time in substantial measure to community growth and development. He is numbered among the early settlers and among the prosperous and progressive farmers of his locality, and he is, moreover, entitled to representation in this volume as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, January 24, 1842, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Kelly) Stinson, natives of Ireland. The father came to America when he was eighteen years

of age and after five years returned to Ireland, where his marriage occurred. With his wife he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Vermont, whence after one year he moved to Chicago. Later he preempted a tract of eighty acres of land in Stephenson county and there remained until his death, which occurred May 4, 1895, when he was ninety-five years of age. His wife has also passed away, her death occurring April 4, 1870. To their union were born six children: Edward Hugh, of this review; Michael, a resident of Rockford, Illinois; William Francis, operating the old homestead in Stephenson county, Illinois; Mary Ellen, deceased; Nora, widow of Thomas Highland, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Elizabeth, the wife of James Crane, of Los Angeles, California.

Edward H. Stinson remained at home until September 4, 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain William Irwin. He took part in many engagements and battles, including the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864, and was wounded in that engagement. He was afterward transferred to Company C, Thirty-sixth Infantry, Veteran Volunteers, and he had charge of the government mail from New Orleans to San Antonio, Texas. He still has his official papers signed by General Phil H. Sheridan. Mr. Stinson continued at the front until October 11, 1865, when he was mustered out with his honorable discharge at Springfield, Illinois. He returned to Stephenson county and there worked at farm labor for two years, receiving sixteen dollars a month. In 1868 he rented land near his father's homestead, chopping cordwood to earn money to pay the rent. In the same year he purchased eighty acres of land in Hamilton township, Franklin county, and in 1870 he moved upon this property, adding to it from time to time until he now owns two hundred acres. He has now resided upon this place for over forty years. With characteristic energy he has carried forward the work of improving and developing his land and has made it a productive and valuable property provided with substantial buildings and modern machinery. He is ranked with the representative and progressive farmers of his locality, and his influence has been for many years a force in agricultural development.

On the 22d of February, 1874, Mr. Stinson was united in marriage to Miss Maria Underkofler, a daughter of Amos and Susan (Schoul) Underkofler, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson have become the parents of seven children: Lydia Irene, the wife of A. S. Stockdale, of Hamilton township; Cora Nina, who married Fred C. Rawlston, of Meservey, Iowa; Jesse Edward, of

Hampton; Ellen, the wife of Guy Booth, of Hamilton township; Ira W., of Mason City; Irvin H., at home; and Susan Viola, who married William Roach, of Bradford.

Mr. Stinson is a member of the Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has taken an active interest in public affairs, having held various township offices and being now secretary of the school board. During the years of his residence here he has gained a high place in both business and social circles and well deserves mention as one of Franklin county's representative agriculturists and useful citizens.

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### HERBERT E. BOEHMLER.

Herbert E. Boehmler, an extensive landowner in Franklin county and prominently connected with commercial interests of Hampton as the proprietor of a large shoe store, was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 20, 1870, a son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Segelman) Boehmler, natives of New York. The parents were pioneers in Iowa and during the early years of their residence here had to contend with all the struggles and hardships of a frontier district. The father engaged in the lumber and grain business in Cedar Falls, where he established the first elevator. He and his wife became the parents of five children: George, of Saskatchewan, Canada; Albert, claim adjuster for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Cedar Falls; Harry, engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad at Waterloo; Carrie, the wife of J. P. Herman, of Des Moines; and Herbert E., of this review.

Herbert E. Boehmler acquired his early education in the public schools of Blackhawk county and afterward entered Iowa State University, where he studied pharmacy. In 1890 he came to Franklin county and for six years was connected with a Mr. Baldwin in the drug business. At the end of that time he turned his attention to the shoe business, purchasing the store which he has since conducted. He carries a large and well assorted stock and controls an important patronage, for his business methods are at all times honorable and his integrity is beyond question. He owns an attractive home in Hampton and has besides about one thousand acres of farming land in Franklin county. His large interests are all carefully and con-

servatively managed and have brought him a gratifying degree of success.

On the 20th of March, 1895, Mr. Boehmler was united in marriage to Miss Ione O. Hutchins, and they have become the parents of three children, Ronald, James and Gwendolyn. Mr. Boehmler is a member of the Congregational church, is connected fraternally with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is prominent in both business and social circles and is today regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community.

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### ANTON DUIT.

Anton Duit, a native son of Grant township and today one of the representative and successful farmers of his locality, operating one hundred and sixty acres of land, was born February 27, 1885. He is a son of John Gerald and Eliesa Jajjenetta (Grothaus) Duit, natives of Germany. For twenty-seven years the father followed the sea, and when he abandoned this occupation he came to America, settling in Franklin county, Iowa, about the year 1883. He turned his attention to general farming and has accumulated valuable landed holdings, owning today three hundred and sixty acres. He is living retired in Ackley and has survived his wife since March 10, 1905. To their union were born seven children: Gerald, deceased; Carl J., of Grant township; Anton, deceased; Tjode, who has passed away; Anton, of this review; Annie, who resides in Ackley; and Tjode, second of the name, the wife of John Ubben, of Garrison, Iowa.

Anton Duit acquired his education in the district schools of Franklin county and during his childhood and youth worked upon his father's farm. He is now operating one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead and has met with gratifying success in the conduct of his interests, for his methods are at all times practical and he possesses a thorough knowledge of the details of farm operation.

On the 12th of February, 1907, Mr. Duit married Miss Otilia Heinz, of Grant township, and they have become the parents of two children: Harry John, born July 13, 1909; and Selma Eliesa, Jajjenetta, born July 2, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Duit are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Duit is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to

the democratic party and is interested in the growth and welfare of his native community. He is one of the progressive and successful young men of the township and holds the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

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### HENRY HUMKE.

A fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Osceola township, is the property of Henry Humke, who is accounted one of the leading agriculturists in his locality. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, September 22, 1869, and is a son of Charles F. and Eva (Rath) Humke, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Germany. The father came to Franklin county in 1881 and located in Osceola township, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred July 7, 1913. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born eight children: John F., a farmer of Osceola township; Henry, of this review; Anna, the wife of Henry Hembd, of Grundy county, Iowa; Charles and William, of Osceola; Lydia, the wife of Wyatt Johnson, of South Dakota; a son, who died in infancy; and George, residing on the old homestead.

Henry Humke was reared at home and when he began his independent career turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, renting one hundred and twenty acres from his father. Later he purchased this property and under his able management it has become valuable and productive, reflecting everywhere the care and labor which the owner has bestowed upon it.

On the 31st of May, 1894, Mr. Humke was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kliebenstein, a native of Lee county, Iowa, and a daughter of Rev. L. and Mary (Meiser) Kliebenstein, natives of Germany. The father was a Presbyterian minister and had charge of a congregation in Lee county for about nineteen years, after which he moved near Ackley, in Grundy county, where he had charge of a congregation for nearly twenty years. He died in Dubuque county, this state, May 5, 1907, and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in St. Louis, Missouri. To their union were born eight children, the eldest of whom, a son, died in infancy. The others are: Mary, the wife of Ed Dippell, of Mitchell county, Iowa; Emma, wife of the subject of this review; Lydia, who married H. F. Girard, of Dubuque; Louis F., a banker of Kingsley, Iowa; August, a resi-

dent of Chicago, Illinois; Edward, who has passed away; and Amelia, the wife of A. C. Reibert, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Humke have two children: Willard Henry, born April 19, 1898; and Marie Amelia, born February 20, 1901. Mr. Humke is a member of the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as a member of the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a loyal supporter. He is well and favorably known in Osceola township, and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in his community.

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### EDWARD I. EVANS.

Many of our American citizens of Norwegian birth have achieved success along agricultural lines in this country. Among them is Edward I. Evans, who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Morgan township, from which he receives a gratifying income. Mr. Evans was born in Norway, May 20, 1877, and is a son of Ingebret and Gertrude Oleson, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1887, locating in Wright county, where both are still living. They were the parents of fourteen children: Edward I.; Bertha, who married Paul Lynn, of Hartland, Minnesota; Ole, of Iowa Falls; Christian, of Hamilton county, of this state; Marion, of Hardin county; Matilda, Albert, Gunda, Mott and Bernice, at home; and four who died in infancy.

At the age of ten years Edward I. Evans earned money for his own support, herding cattle until fourteen years of age on the prairie. He was then engaged in farming for ten years but in 1901 bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Morgan township, which he has since cultivated. All of the improvements have been made by him and success has come to him in return for honesty, industry and energy. He engages in general farming and his acres are under high cultivation.

On October 13, 1900, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Marie Gunnell Hanson, a daughter of Carl Hanson, who is more extensively mentioned in another part of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have six children: Alvin C., Ernest L., Gladys R., Manwell H., Carl I. and Edna Vernetta, all at home.

Edward I. Evans, although young in years, has achieved a fair measure of success along agricultural lines and is considered one

of the substantial men of Morgan township. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is interested in its work. Mr. Evans has many friends in the neighborhood and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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### WILLIAM BARRY.

Among the successful pioneers of Franklin county William Barry occupies a conspicuous position by reason of his progressive work along agricultural lines. Mr. Barry has not only attained individual success but has contributed toward agricultural standards of the state and has always been a leader in accepting new ways and means toward reaching the farmer's goal of success. He was born on the 13th of August, 1845, a son of Edmund and Elizabeth (Kirby) Barry, both natives of County Cork, Ireland. Together they emigrated to America in 1840 and first located in Syracuse, New York, where the father found employment in a salt works. By reason of his ability, close application and faithfulness to duty he soon rose to a prominent position. However, the call of the west had its charm for him and about two years later he departed, making his way to Green county, Wisconsin, where he embarked in agriculture. He at first rented two hundred and forty acres on shares, which he cultivated with such good results that he was later enabled to purchase one hundred and sixty acres. Close application and good judgment resulted in continued prosperity and he increased his holdings until he finally owned eight hundred acres. He was one of the foremost agriculturists of his district in Wisconsin and stood high in the estimation of his friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Barry had nine children. Those living are John, who is located on the homestead in Green county; William, our subject; and Frank, who is a business man of Long Beach, California. Both parents died in Wisconsin about 1899, their demise occurring but a short time apart.

William Barry received his early education in the country schools of Wisconsin and had the usual experiences of a farmer lad, beginning early to assist his father in his extensive farming operations. He showed unusual qualifications for this kind of work and applied a number of new ideas in working the farm. While yet assisting his father he made his first investment by buying one hundred acres in Green county, Wisconsin, at the rate of ten dollars per acre, and he

later sold this tract at a handsome profit. Shortly thereafter Mr. Barry made his first trip to Iowa, walking from Ackley, this state, to what is now Franklin county, and looking for possible investments in land. Although a friend who had accompanied him purchased property Mr. Barry decided to wait, but in 1870 he returned and with his brother traded a horse as a first deposit on land in Ingham township. There they together bought one hundred and sixty acres of rich prairie land. This was at a time when practically every farmer gave his attention to raising wheat and the first two crops of this cereal were so bountiful that all continued along that line. However, in the third year the wheat turned out to be an utter failure, and while most of the other agriculturists continued in trying to raise the same cereal for several years thereafter Mr. Barry and his brother grew timothy and their hay crop was probably the largest ever seen in their part of the state. They had in the meantime bought cattle to a considerable extent, and while the farmers around them were failing and were forced to give up they succeeded and derived large profits from the cattle business. They disposed of their stock in the Chicago market. Mr. Barry subsequently made numerous and advantageous trades in land, always increasing his holdings, until finally in 1894 he moved to Hampton. He today still owns nearly five hundred acres of land and has ever followed the rule of investing his surplus in good Iowa agricultural property. He has for a number of years been considered an authority on land values and has never risked his capital in dubious investments. He has made his money in Iowa and believes in home investments. His spirit of attachment to the soil has not only brought him prosperity but has left the money where it was made and in that way he has been a great factor in the upbuilding of the prosperous state, of which he is a successful citizen. He has ever shown extraordinary judgment in all business transactions, and his reputation is of the highest on account of his fair methods, which underlie all his business deals.

On February 11, 1873, Mr. Barry married Miss Mary E. Walker, a lady of Kentucky parentage. They have two children: Frank, who is connected with shipping interests in Oregon; and Joseph, at Hampton. The second son was born September 2, 1878, and received his early education in the country and district schools, later graduating from the high school at Hampton. He spent some years in traveling in the west and was also connected with a wholesale house of Spokane for a time. Later he returned to Hampton and is now assisting his father in looking after the properties which

they jointly own. He married on November 9, 1912, Miss Lulu Ferris, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Adeline (Forrest) Ferris, the former a native of Binghampton, Broome county, New York, and a prominent nurseryman of Hampton. Mrs. Barry's father is a veteran of the Civil war and in 1861 enlisted as a soldier in Company F, First Colorado cavalry, remaining in the service three years and three months. He participated in the battle of Pigeon's Ranch and in that of Apache Canyon, New Mexico. In the first battle he lost his horse, and in the second he received a wound in the leg. However, for the greater part of the time he was engaged in service against the Indians, and in scouting. From 1866 to 1868 he took part in the war which the Mexicans waged against Maximilian and was in the battle in which Maximilian was captured. At the conclusion of the war in Mexico he removed to Texas.

Politically Mr. Barry is a democrat and has always taken a deep interest in the progress of his section. Political honors have been offered him, but he has always declined preferment of a public character. However, he for years was a trustee of Ingham township. When he arrived here there were twenty-five voters and of these two were democrats, he and his brother bringing the representatives of this party up to the number of four. Mr. Barry has watched the onward march of civilization and has always participated in activities that have made Iowa the foremost agricultural state of the Union. He is highly esteemed and respected in Hampton for what he has done and for what he is. Physically and mentally he appears to be a man many years younger than his record shows, and he is still intelligently interested in all objects which have for their purpose the development and advancement of the people in a moral, intellectual and material way. The honors which are accorded him are highly merited.

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#### JAMES HARVEY TOBIAS.

James Harvey Tobias has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county since 1875 and has risen in the interval to be one of the leading farmers of Marion township, where he owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land. He was born in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1861, and is a son of William and Caroline (Krause) Tobias, also natives of the Keystone state. They went from Pennsylvania to Ogle county, Illinois, and there

the mother's death occurred in 1869. The father afterward moved to Lafayette county, Wisconsin, and at the end of ten years went to Wichita, Kansas, where he now resides. He and his wife became the parents of nine children, four of whom survive, as follows: Carrie, the wife of H. A. Cunningham, of Maryville, Missouri; Emma J., who married E. J. Rickart, of Texas county, Missouri; James Harvey, of this review; and Samuel, of Enid, Oklahoma.

When James H. Tobias was fourteen years of age he came to Franklin county and began working as a farm laborer continuing thus until 1891, when he rented land. In 1905 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Scott township and after cultivating this for five years disposed of it. In 1911 he purchased two hundred and forty acres on section 20, Marion township, and here he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising, meeting with substantial and well deserved success.

Mr. Tobias married Miss Clara E. Carpenter, a native of Galena, Illinois, and they became the parents of two children: a son who died in infancy; and Hazel M., born February 25, 1903. Mr. Tobias is a member of the Methodist church and a republican in his political beliefs. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Hampton and was master of this organization for two years. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and straightforward.

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#### ARTHUR LEWIS WOOD, D. V. S.

Dr. Arthur Lewis Wood, a successful veterinary surgeon of Hampton, was born in Prairie City, Iowa, February 27, 1878. He is a son of George M. and Margaret (Ryan) Wood, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of New York. In their family were two children: Arthur Lewis, of this review; and Roscoe David, deceased.

Arthur L. Wood acquired his early education in the public schools of Prairie City, Iowa, and later attended Iowa State College at Ames, graduating from the department of veterinary surgery in 1902. In the same year he moved to Franklin county and located at Hampton, where he has since engaged in the practice of his profession. His ability has become widely recognized, and he has built up a large and steadily growing patronage. He has a completely



DR. ARTHUR L. WOOD



equipped establishment in Hampton, provided with all the apparatus necessary in the treatment of diseases of animals.

On the 18th of December, 1902, Dr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Anna Haines, of Prairie City, Iowa, a daughter of Anson and Isabel (Yuill) Haines. The father is a farmer of Jasper county, Iowa, but the mother has passed away. To the union of Dr. and Mrs. Wood have been born four children: Lawrence A., George Robert, Roscoe David and Isabel. Dr. Wood is a member of the Methodist church and connected fraternally with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for the past eight years has creditably filled the position of assistant state veterinarian. He has won gratifying success in his profession, and he holds the respect and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

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#### W. H. ROWE.

W. H. Rowe, who has lived retired in Chapin for the past eight years, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township. He came to Franklin county with his parents in 1870 and has here resided continuously throughout the intervening forty-three years. His birth occurred in England on the 22d of May, 1852, his parents being William and Peggy (Jones) Rowe, who emigrated to the United States in 1866. They spent one year in Pennsylvania and subsequently lived for three years in Lafayette county, Wisconsin. In 1870 the family home was established in Richland township, Franklin county, Iowa, the father purchasing two hundred and twenty acres of land, on which stood a log house. Here he followed farming throughout the remainder of his active business career, spending his last days in honorable retirement at Chapin, where both he and his wife passed away. Their children were nine in number, as follows: Elizabeth Jane, who is a resident of Mason City, Iowa; Helen, living at Bisbee, Arizona; Thomas, whose demise occurred in Kansas; John, who makes his home in Madison, South Dakota; W. H., of this review; Alfred, of Hampton, Iowa; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Seney, of Mason City; Florence, who gave her hand in marriage to William Riddle, of Ross township; and one, who died in infancy.

W. H. Rowe was a youth of fourteen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and had attained the age of eighteen when the family came to this county in 1870. He purchased an unimproved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township and began its development, devoting his attention to its operation with such excellent results that he won the competence which now enables him to live retired. In 1905 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Chapin, where he has remained during the past eight years.

In Franklin county Mr. Rowe wedded Miss Ella Engebretson, a sister of Evan Engebretson, of Hampton. To them were born four children, namely: Willard, who is married and lives in Ross township; Lottie, the wife of Royal Sanders, who resides on the farm of his father-in-law; one who died in infancy; and Alma, who passed away at the age of seven years.

In politics Mr. Rowe is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. While living on the farm he held the office of township trustee and also acted as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Chapin. He has always shown great interest in all that pertains to the general welfare and has been known as a public-spirited man who has always found time and inclination to cooperate in the movements for the public good. In all the relations of life he has been honorable and straightforward, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

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#### GEORGE F. PARKINSON.

George F. Parkinson is one of the prosperous farmers of Franklin county, where he owns a valuable property in Morgan township. He was born in Hardin county, Iowa, October 18, 1860, and is a son of Samuel and Elmina (Stephens) Parkinson, the father born in England and the mother in Illinois. Samuel Parkinson came to America in 1850 and located in Ohio. Thence he went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and then to Iowa Falls. From the latter city he came to Morgan township, where he resided for a number of years, passing the remainder of his life in California, where he died in April, 1910. His wife now makes her home in Los Angeles, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parkinson had six children: Annie, the wife of George C. Gibson, of Los Angeles, California; George F., of

this review; William S., of Los Angeles; Florence, who married J. D. Thompson, of Pasadena, California; Alice, of Los Angeles; and Edith, deceased.

George F. Parkinson remained under the parental roof until twenty-nine years of age. He received his education in schools near his father's home and subsequently gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father until he bought two hundred and fifty-seven acres on section 31, Morgan township. He has greatly improved his place, has erected modern buildings and has his land in a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and also gives considerable attention to stock-raising. His farming venture is entirely profitable, and he has since also acquired a quarter section of land in the state of Kansas.

On December 21, 1886, Mr. Parkinson wedded Miss Minnie Rice, a native of Winneshiek county, this state, and to this union were born four children: Merle L., born October 5, 1888, of Los Angeles, California; Fay Alton, September 15, 1891, at home; Alfred Clarence, born August 28, 1893; and Edith Winifred, who married Roscoe Robinson, of Belmond, Iowa. Mr. Parkinson is a republican. For five years he has been a school director and fraternally belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The career of Mr. Parkinson is proof of the fact that ambition is the key of success, for he has always been ambitious, industrious and energetic. He is one of the foremost agriculturists of Franklin county and the prosperity that has attended his efforts has come to him in well merited return for honorable labor.

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#### A. C. ANDERSON.

Since 1878 A. C. Anderson has been engaged in farming in Franklin county and he is today the owner of a valuable property of three hundred and twenty acres in Richland township. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, January 22, 1852, and is a son of Christian and Ellen Anderson, natives of Norway. They crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel in 1851 and after six weeks upon the ocean landed in America. They went by way of the canal and Great Lakes to Milwaukee and walked from that point to Madison. They made their home in Dane county, Wisconsin, until 1855 and then moved to Iowa, locating in Butler county, where the father

died in the same year. The mother afterward married Paul Rude, and died at Cedar Falls, Iowa, at the age of eighty-five.

A. C. Anderson spent his boyhood in Butler county and there remained until 1878. In that year he came to Franklin county and bought one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land in Richland township. To this he has since added at intervals until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres, all in a high state of cultivation. He has erected substantial buildings and provided the place with all the accessories necessary to the conduct of a modern farming property. The entire place reflects his careful supervision and is a valuable addition to the agricultural resources of the locality.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Isabelle Jacobson, a native of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of seven children: Eva, the wife of William Hunt of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa; Julia, who married Harry York, of Edmonton, Alberta; Ellen, the wife of Ed Letzring, of Mason City; Minnie; Ida; Albert; and Clara, who is attending school in Mason City.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, serving for fifteen years as school director. The long period of his residence here has made him widely and favorably known, for he has followed always the most straightforward business methods and the highest and most honorable personal standards.

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#### FRANK W. KORTH.

Frank W. Korth is a successful farmer of Morgan township, Franklin county, where he owns eighty acres on section 14. He was born in Wisconsin, on the 21st of February, 1869, and is a son of Wilhelm and Caroline (Wilke) Korth, natives of Germany, who came to America in the early '60s, locating in Wisconsin. There they made their home for about seven years and then came to Morgan township, where the father passed away on the 20th of February, 1908. He was widely known in his township and favorably regarded by all who knew him. Mrs. Caroline Korth lives in Dows. To their union were born ten children, as follows: a son who died and was buried at sea; Bertha, the wife of G. H. Butenhoff, of Hamilton township; Frank W.; Albert, of Morgan township; Matilda, who married H. W. Lempke, of Morgan township; Theodore, also of Morgan township; Sarah, a resident of Dows; Otto, of

Morgan township; Amanda, of Dows; and Walter, of Morgan township.

Frank W. Korth attended district school near his father's farm and assisted him in the work of the home place until he had reached the age of thirty-one years. He became efficient in agricultural pursuits and after leaving the home farm set himself up independently, acquiring title to eighty acres on section 14, Morgan township. He has his acres under high cultivation, and his improvements make the place one of the valuable ones of the neighborhood. Mr. Korth follows up-to-date methods and such success as has come to him is the result of indefatigable labor, well applied energy and good judgment.

On January 27, 1910, Frank W. Korth was united in marriage to Miss Winifred McKenzie, who was born in Franklin county and is a daughter of Charles R. and Marie (Murphy) McKenzie, natives of Ohio and pioneers of Franklin county, who came here in 1868, locating near Sheffield, but later removing to Hampton. The father died in February, 1906, and the mother now makes her home in the latter city. They were the parents of six children: Ambrose, of Denver, Colorado; Mary, of Hampton; Winifred, who is now Mrs. Frank W. Korth; Florence, who married G. W. Froelich, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Frances, of Hampton, who teaches public school at Manning; and Aileen, deceased. Mrs. Korth before her marriage was for three years a school teacher and for five terms was principal of the west side school at Hampton. Mr. Korth is a republican and is interested in the welfare of his party, stanchly supporting its candidates at the polls. He served for some time as a director of the school board of Morgan township and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Korth is public-spirited and takes part in promoting all public improvements. He stands high in the confidence of his friends and neighbors.

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### EVIN MILLET.

Evin Millet, one of the valued and representative citizens of Bradford, living in retirement after many years of close connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, September 24, 1856. He is a son of Andrew and Lovern (Henderson) Millet, natives of Ohio, who came to Franklin county in 1870, locating in Reeve township. The father died here

in January, 1909, and his widow makes her home in Hampton. To their union were born six children: Albert, a resident of Hampton; Evin, of this review; Ellen, deceased; Sarah, the wife of James Osborn, of Illinois; and Alma and George, deceased.

Evin Millet's entire active life was devoted to farming. He was reared upon his father's homestead and aided in its operation for some time, becoming familiar at an early age with the details of farm operation. When he left home he purchased land of his own and has owned farms in various parts of the county. These properties he managed always in a capable and progressive way and became well known as a successful and representative agriculturist. He is now living in Bradford in practical retirement, although he owns seven acres of improved land just outside the town limits.

Mr. Millet married Miss Dana Pickering, a native of Illinois, and they have become the parents of five children: Charles, a resident of Dows, Iowa; Mabel, the wife of W. I. Stockdale; Arthur, at home; Jessie, the wife of John Hickther, of Lee township; and Emma, who married Edward Fits, also of Lee township. Mr. Millet is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is well known throughout the county for his many excellent traits of character and has commanded the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

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### FRANK PEKAREK.

Frank Pekarek, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Franklin county, who has been for many years prominently connected with farming interests of Geneva township as the owner of the Maple Grove Farm, is a native of Bohemia, born December 25, 1837. He is a son of John and Kate Pekarek, who lived and died in their native country. Three children were born to their union: Frank, of this review; Annie, deceased; and John.

Frank Pekarek was reared in Bohemia and there acquired his education. In 1867 he came to America and settled first in Wisconsin, where he remained for three years. He afterward moved to Iowa, spending a similar period of time in Marshall county, whence he came to Franklin county, where he engaged in railroad work for seven years. At the end of that time he bought forty acres of land in Osceola township and after developing this for nine years bought his present farm of two hundred acres, on sections 28 and 33, Geneva



MR. AND MRS. FRANK PEKAREK



township. This property is known as the Maple Grove Farm and Mr. Pekarek has managed it practically and intelligently, making it in the course of time one of the finest farms in his locality.

Mr. Pekarek married Miss Mary Kopacek, who died September 23, 1868, leaving a daughter, Annie, now the wife of Patrick Ryan, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. After the death of his first wife Mr. Pekarek married Miss Josephine Kudge and to this union were born twelve children: Charles, of Geneva; Joseph, of Minnesota; Mary, the wife of John Seikart, of Ackley, Iowa; Sophie, who married William Seikart, also of Ackley; Kate, the wife of L. Thomas, of Geneva; Emma, who married G. Bolander, of Rockwell City; Frank, of Iowa Falls; John E., at home; Albert, of Geneva; Ella, who married F. Thomas, of Geneva; Edward, of Minnesota; and George, of Geneva.

Mr. Pekarek is a member of the Roman Catholic church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of the early residents of Franklin county, identified for many years with agricultural interests, and he has won a degree of success which places him among the representative and valued citizens of his township.

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#### DANIEL H. HELD.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise Daniel H. Held has won for himself a foremost place among the leading farmers and stock dealers of Franklin county. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land on sections 31 and 32, Geneva township, and has made this farm a productive and valuable property, evidencing everywhere the intelligent care and labor he bestows upon it. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, September 24, 1868, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Schultz) Held, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New York. The father came to America with his parents when he was still a boy and located with them in Wisconsin. In 1886 he came to Iowa, where he had purchased a farm in Geneva township immediately after the Civil war. He resided upon this property for a number of years and also discharged his duties as an Evangelical minister. For a period of thirty years he had made the circuit in Wisconsin and was well known in religious circles of that state. He died in Ackley, Iowa, March 3, 1903, and is survived by his wife, who resides in Ackley. Five children were born to their union: Caroline, the wife of Mat Stauffacher, of Ackley; Daniel H., of this review; Benjamin, a res-

ident of Ackley; Ida, who died at the age of one year; and William, of Hansell.

Daniel H. Held came to Geneva township with his parents in 1886 and has since remained a resident of this part of the county. He aided in the operation of the homestead until after his father's death and then purchased the interests of the other heirs. He owns four hundred and eighty acres on sections 31 and 32, Geneva township, and there engages in general farming and stock-raising, being also a shipper on an extensive scale. His interests are all carefully conducted and have brought him a gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 9th of July, 1896, Mr. Held was united in marriage to Miss Christina Walter, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of three children: Walter, Elmer and Roy. Mr. Held is a member of the Evangelical church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. His life has been one of well directed activity and intelligent effort, resulting in the attainment of a fair measure of success, and wherever he is known he is respected and esteemed by reason of his genuine personal worth.

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#### FRANK H. HACKBARTH.

Frank H. Hackborth is a prosperous farmer of Morgan township, Franklin county, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 23, all highly improved. He was born in Wisconsin, September 7, 1869, and is a son of A. H. Hackborth, of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work. Frank H. Hackborth was educated in the district schools, attending near his father's farm, and he remained with the latter until he was twenty-three years of age, when he bought eighty acres on section 23, Morgan township, to which he has since added forty acres. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and his labors return him a gratifying income. His farm by its appearance portrays the prosperity of its owner, and he has installed there the most modern machinery and has made a number of excellent improvements. His buildings are kept in good repair and his fields are in a high state of cultivation.

On July 19, 1893, Mr. Hackborth was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Capellen, a daughter of Henry Capellen, of whom more extended mention is made in connection with the biography of E.

H. Capellen in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hackborth of this review had six children, as follows: Lee G., born March 28, 1895; Leta Edna, born March 8, 1897, who died a few days later, on the 16th of the same month; Lester Edwin, born May 9, 1898; Floyd Frank, born October 2, 1903; Daniel Harold, October 25, 1905; and Verlynn Dallas, born July 24, 1911.

Mr. Hackborth now serves as clerk of Morgan township and ably discharges his duties in that position. He also has been for some time on the school board. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in his religion is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hackborth is highly respected by all who know him, as one of the representative citizens of Franklin county.

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### OLE IVERSON.

Norway has furnished many of the successful agriculturists to Franklin county, among whom is Ole Iverson, who was born in that country November 29, 1855. He is a son of Erick and Marie (Nelson) Iverson, both natives of the land of the midnight sun. They came to America in 1870 and, making their way to Iowa, located in Oakland township, Franklin county. The father died February 17, 1904, having survived his wife since January, 1871. To them were born seven children: Iver, Nels, Christian, Gertrude and Bertha, deceased; Ole, of this review; and Edward, of Morgan township, this county.

Ole Iverson came with his parents to America when about fifteen years of age, having received most of his education in his native country. He turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, working for three years as a farm hand and receiving ten dollars per month in compensation for his services. He then bought in partnership with his father eighty acres of land on section 8, Oakland township, and later added thereto forty acres. He has since been successfully engaged along agricultural lines. He has put up a number of substantial buildings, and his place is evidence of his careful methods.

On January 10, 1882, Mr. Iverson married Martha Nelson, a native of Norway and a daughter of Ellef and Bertha (Peterson) Nelson, natives of Norway. The parents crossed the Atlantic and in 1872 settled in Green county, Wisconsin. There the father died. The mother in 1882 came to Oakland township, this county, where

she passed away on September 21, 1907. They were the parents of twelve children: Nels, of Oakland township; Peter, deceased; Christie, the widow of Lars Golackson; George, of Green county, Wisconsin; Annie, the wife of Amos Bayston, of Orangeville, Illinois; Carrie, who married Phillip Maybauen, of Hardin county; Sarah and Ole, of Green county, Wisconsin; Martha, the wife of our subject; Thomas, deceased; Ellef, of Popejoy; and a daughter, Martha, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson had three children: Eda Matilda, born in 1882, who died August 26, 1908; Berdelia Marie, who was born September 2, 1883, and for some time taught district school, now being the wife of Alfred Schwab; Nettie Amelia, born June 10, 1885, who became the wife of Alfred Thompson, by whom she has a daughter, Marvel Leota, born November 24, 1908. Mr. Thompson died June 26, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Schwab have one son, Walter Orland Schwab, born November 4, 1909.

Ole Iverson is a republican and for seven years was road supervisor. He also has served for some time on the school board of Oakland township. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson are highly esteemed by all who know them, and such success as has come to him is well merited, for it has been achieved through energy, industry and honesty.

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#### ISAAC BENJAMIN SWITZER.

Isaac Benjamin Switzer, conducting a feed and sale stable in Hampton, was born in Canada, March 10, 1865, a son of James Switzer, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. When two years of age he was brought to Iowa by his parents, who established their home on what is now the Mott farm, five miles east of Hampton. Later they took up their abode in Giant township, where James Switzer passed away.

At the age of seven years Isaac B. Switzer went to make his home with his uncle, W. H. Weaver, near what was then the town of Otisville and is now known as Dows. There he remained until sixteen years of age, acquiring a common-school education. He engaged as a cattle herder and was afterwards for three years in the cheese business in Franklin county. He afterward took up farming in partnership with his brother, Julius Nelson Switzer, and was later in the livery business in Dows, Iowa. At the end of six years he became



ISAAC B. SWITZER



interested in the construction of township roads and after following this occupation for two years again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1904 he bought eighty acres of land in West Fork township, Franklin county, and to this added forty acres, operating the property for six years. At the end of that time he sold his holdings and moved to Hampton, where he erected a sale stable and feed barn one hundred and twenty-two by one hundred and thirty-two feet in dimensions and constructed of cement block. He has since operated this enterprise and has a large patronage, for his prices are reasonable and his business methods beyond reproach.

On the 24th of December, 1902, Mr. Switzer married Miss Sarah Way, a native of Wisconsin, and both are well known in Hampton. Mr. Switzer attends the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member. He is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He occupies a high place in business circles, and his success is the natural result of his ability and industry.

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#### NIS SORENSEN.

Nis Sorensen is one of the most extensive landowners in Franklin county and is also connected with financial interests as president of the Bank of Latimer. He was born in Germany, February 13, 1853, and is a son of C. N. and Mattie Sorensen. He remained in his native country until he was eighteen years of age and then crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Ohio, where he remained five years. At the end of that time he returned to Germany but after two years journeyed again to Ohio, making his home in that state until 1879. In that year he came to Franklin county and settled on a farm in Morgan township, operating and improving this property for twelve years thereafter. He then established himself in the hardware business in Latimer but at the end of two years turned his attention to the lumber business, following this until 1900. He has accumulated extensive landed interests, owning four hundred and forty acres in Franklin county and valuable property in North Dakota. He is connected with financial interests of Latimer as president of the Bank of Latimer and manages this institution in an able and conservative way, making it one of the leading banks in this part of the county.

On the 10th of June, 1879, Mr. Sorensen married Miss Annie B. Stork, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of seven children: Mary and Louis, deceased; C. N., of Latimer; Jake, connected with the Bank of Latimer as cashier; Andrew, at home; Mary, deceased; and a child, who died in infancy.

Mr. Sorensen is a member of the Lutheran church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving on the city council, lending the weight of his influence to many measures of advancement and reform. His life has been a busy, useful and active one, and his success places him among the representative citizens of Latimer.

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### ERVIN BUGE.

Ervin Buge belongs to the younger generation of successful agriculturists of Franklin county. He cultivates an attractive farm of eighty acres, which is nicely improved and speaks well for his ability and progressiveness. Mr. Buge is a native son of this county and was born October 31, 1884. His parents were August and Caroline (Guds) Buge, natives of Germany, both of whom came in their youth to America. They were married in Eldorado, Wisconsin, and resided there for five years before making their way to Franklin county in October, 1875. They located on section 13, Morgan township, where the father acquired eighty acres of land. In 1908 he turned over this property to our subject. They were the parents of ten children: Otto, of Morgan township; Amelia, who married Ernst Gaulke, of Morgan township; Albert, of Coulter; Matilda, the wife of Albert Korth, of Morgan township; Ida, who married William Bush, of Hampton; Hulda, deceased; Helena, the wife of H. Stethorn, of Hampton; Louisa, who married H. McAllister, of Morgan township; Ervin, our subject; and John, deceased.

Ervin Buge was reared upon the farm which he now owns and in the acquirement of his education attended the schools of that neighborhood. As soon as old enough he began to participate in farm labor, assisting his father, and in 1908 the latter deeded the home farm to him. It comprises eighty acres and is in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Buge devotes himself to general farming and has been very successful along that line, employing the most modern methods. He is systematic in his work and ever ready to embrace new ideas. He is a member of the Evangelical church, in the work of which he takes

a laudable interest. Mr. Buge is popular among the younger people in Morgan township and is highly esteemed by all who know him because of his high qualities of mind and character.

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### OTTO ROLINE.

The industry that more than any other has raised the United States to a foremost place amongst the nations of the world is that of farming and it is to the agriculturist that the people of this country must give thanks for this gratifying accomplishment. This result has been brought about by the sons of all nations who have settled in this country and among the foremost agriculturists who have been an important factor in farming development are the Swedish Americans. To this hardy race belongs Otto Roline, who owns a valuable place of two hundred and seventy-five acres in Morgan township, Franklin county. He was born in Sweden, March 2, 1862, and is a son of Anderson and Mary (Peterson) Roline, natives of that country. There both the father and mother died. Of their eight children all are deceased but our subject. Four died in infancy and the others were Peter, August, and Emanuel.

Otto Roline was reared in the parental home in his native land and attended public school until he was old enough to engage in farm labor. He worked along that line for two years and then made his way to Norway, where he remained for a similar period of time. Returning to Sweden, he again spent two years in that country. Stories having reached him of the golden opportunities that were awaiting the young man in America, he made his way to this country and coming to Dows, farmed in the vicinity, carefully saving his earnings. In 1883 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Morgan township, which he cultivated with such good success that he was enabled to extend the boundaries of his farm so that he now owns two hundred and seventy-five acres. His land is highly improved, and his buildings are kept in good repair. He engages in general farming, planting the cereals most suitable to soil and climate, and also gives his attention to stock-raising.

On May 1, 1883, Mr. Roline married Miss Johannah Peterson, a native of Sweden, and they became the parents of seven children: a son, who died in infancy; Rudolph, of Morgan township; a son, who died in infancy; and Hilmar, Arthur, Tekla and Victor, at home. Mr. Roline is a member of the Evangelical church and in-

terested in its work. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, whose candidates he has ever upheld at the polls, and he has served as school director of Morgan township. Not only has Mr. Roline attained to individual prosperity, but he has been a factor in agricultural development in Franklin county. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and has made many friends since locating here. He combines the good qualities of the Swedish race with the aggressiveness and enterprise that seem peculiar to this country.

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### LARS L. OLESON.

Lars L. Oleson, the owner of a well improved farm located in Morgan township, is a native son of Franklin county, his birth having here occurred on September 5, 1875. His parents, Ole L. and Mary (Hanson) Oleson, were natives of Wisconsin and Norway, respectively. In their family were thirteen children: Nellie, the wife of William Donaldson, of Alden, Iowa; Mary, who married J. Jacobsen, of Dows; Ole, of North Dakota; Lars L., of this review; Amanda, the wife of S. M. Davis, of Clarence, Iowa; Oscar, of Morgan township; Henry, of Wright county; Martha, the wife of L. Barnhardt, of Dows; Louis F., of Oakland township; Andrew and Caroline, of Popejoy; Matilda, the wife of L. Carpenter, of Minnesota; and Laura, deceased.

Lars L. Oleson at the age of fourteen took up farming, having then terminated his school education. In 1899, when about twenty-four years of age, he acquired title to eighty acres of land on section 14, Morgan township, and has since given his sole attention to its cultivation. His farm betrays by its prosperous appearance the modern methods employed by its owner. Mr. Oleson has now a two-story home conveniently appointed, and the other buildings on the land are equally modern. He also has erected a silo which furnishes him the desired amount of feed during the winter season.

On October 28, 1897, Mr. Oleson wedded Miss Mary Rasmussen, a native of Monroe county, this state, and a daughter of Andrew and Sophia (Anderson) Rasmussen, natives of Denmark. The parents came to Franklin county when Mrs. Oleson was but two years of age. Both have passed away. Their children were: Clara, the wife of W. Caster, of Gifford, Iowa; Hannah, who married F. Anderson, of Morgan township; Peter, deceased; Mary, the wife of the subject of this review; and Anna, who married Oscar Oleson.

of Morgan township. Mr. and Mrs. Oleson have three children: Lawrence W., born May 1, 1898; Bernetta, born July 1, 1903; and Laverne, born January 28, 1912. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and interested in its work and its allied societies. Both are popular in the neighborhood and have many friends. Mr. Oleson is a republican and has ever upheld the candidates of his party. For one year he served as treasurer of the local telephone company, showing himself to be an able business man. He takes an interest in all affairs of a public character affecting the welfare of the township and is a public-spirited citizen. Personally Mr. Oleson is well liked, not only for what he has achieved, but for those qualities of character which have made possible his success.

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#### FRANK EBERHART.

Frank Eberhart, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Mott township, was born in Fulton county, New York, March 28, 1854. He is a son of Henry and Betsy (La Deau) Eberhart, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New York. They moved to Illinois in 1866 and afterward settled in southern Iowa, where they remained three years. The father died at Creston, and his wife has also passed away. Six children were born to their union: Menzo and Alonzo, twins, who have passed away; Margaret, the wife of Dewitt Wilson, of Plainfield, Illinois; Frank, of this review; Melissa, the wife of Arnold Thayer, of Moline, Illinois; and Sarah, who married Charles Kern, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Frank Eberhart was reared at home and acquired a public-school education. He moved to Franklin county in 1887 and since that time has been connected with agricultural interests here, owning today one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Mott township. Upon this property he engages in general farming and has met with that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

On the 29th of December, 1881, Mr. Eberhart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Costello, a native of Will county, Illinois, and a daughter of Daniel and Mary Costello, natives of Ireland, who came to America in their early years and located in Illinois, where the father passed away. The mother afterward came to Franklin county, Iowa, where her death occurred. They were the parents of two children: William James, of Hampton; and Mary,

wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, now the wife of Clarence Moore.

Mr. Eberhart is a republican in his political views and interested in the growth and development of Franklin county. During a period of residence here covering twenty-six years he has become widely and favorably known, his upright and honorable life commanding for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### CHARLES FREDERIC JOHNSTON.

Charles Frederic Johnston, a prominent attorney and banker of Franklin county, is the sole proprietor of the Citizens Bank of Sheffield, a private concern which was organized in 1899 and is one of the leading institutions of the county. He has likewise been a leading figure in local politics, representing Franklin county in the lower house of the state legislature during the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth general assemblies. His birth occurred on the old Johnston homestead a mile and a half east of Hampton, January 17, 1866, his father being James J. Johnston, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume.

Charles F. Johnston spent his boyhood on a farm and acquired his early education in the district schools, while subsequently he attended the Hampton high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. During the winter of 1885-86 he taught in a country school. Following his graduation he studied law under D. W. Henley, who later became a member of the firm of Henley & Bedell and afterward was the senior member of Henley, Bedell & Andrews. On the 26th of September, 1888, Mr. Johnston came to Sheffield and opened an office of his own. In 1889 he pursued a law course in the State University of Iowa, passed the examination before the supreme court of the state and was admitted to the bar in 1891. Throughout the intervening twenty-two years he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Sheffield, Iowa. He served as mayor of the city in 1890 but resigned this office and went to Hampton, where he was engaged in the practice of law at Sheffield, Iowa. He served as mayor of the city in 1890 but resigned this office and went to Hampton, where he was engaged in the practice of law in association with J. W. Luke for one year. During his absence his brother, G. A.





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Johnston, had charge of affairs at Sheffield. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted. Mr. Johnston is also the sole proprietor of the Citizens Bank of Sheffield, a private concern which was organized in 1899. His brother George A. was associated with him as partner in its conduct for several years until his death February 7, 1910. Since March, 1911, W. H. Reynolds has been cashier of the bank, which is one of the leading institutions of Franklin county and one of the foremost in the state for a city the size of Sheffield. It has been built up and managed on a sound, conservative basis and is recognized as a safe and solid institution in every particular.

In 1892 Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Delle Haecker, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Henry and Barbara Haecker. She was graduated from the Hampton high school with the class of 1888 and followed the profession of teaching prior to her marriage. She is still a faithful worker in the cause of education and was named a member of the Better Iowa School Commission by the state superintendent of public instruction. Her cooperation is ever given on the side of mental and moral uplift and her efforts have not been without result. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, namely: Charles Frederic, Jr., who is a member of the freshman class at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; Winifred, who is seven years of age; and one son who died in infancy.

As stated above, Mr. Johnston has been a prominent figure in local political ranks. He represented Franklin county in the lower house of the state legislature during the twenty-fifth general assembly and acted as chairman of the elections committee, also helping to make the new 1897 code. While a member of the lower house of the twenty-sixth general assembly he served as chairman of the railroad committee of the house of representatives and was strongly recommended as speaker of the house. In 1898 he was appointed deputy revenue collector for fourteen counties in the northern half of the state, ably serving in that capacity for six years or until 1904. He is

identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as president of the board of trustees for fifteen years. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Franklin county and are among its best known and most highly esteemed residents. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing Charles F. Johnston to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are as dominating elements in this individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for him the respect and confidence of men.

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### WILLIAM SENF.

William Senf, living retired in Latimer after many years of close connection with business interests of the city, was born in DuPage county, Illinois, December 31, 1869. He is a son of August and Mary (Schermer) Senf, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was twenty-one years of age and located first in Cook county, Illinois, whence he moved to DuPage county. In 1890 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and located in Marion township, where he resided until he retired from active life. He and his wife are now living in Latimer. Among their eleven children are included the following: Henry, of Minnesota; Louisa, deceased; William, of this review; Annie, the wife of F. H. Menning, of Latimer; and Herman and Louis, both deceased.

William Senf was reared in DuPage county and in 1892 established himself in the hardware business in Latimer, this county, and operated this enterprise for ten years thereafter, building up a large and representative patronage. When he disposed of this business he bought a grain elevator, which he conducted successfully for eleven years, or until he retired from active life in 1913. He owns a fine house in Latimer and two hundred acres of excellent land in Wisner township.

On the 26th of November, 1892, Mr. Senf married Miss Emma Schmidt, a native of DuPage county, Illinois, and they have become

the parents of four children, Herbert, Edna, Laura and Luella. Mr. Senf is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as township clerk for six years and is at all times interested in the growth and development of his community. He has contributed in substantial measure to the commercial progress of Latimer, and his present period of leisure rewards many years of active and earnest labor in the past.

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### HENRY F. RICHTSMEIER.

Henry F. Richtsmeier is carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 7, Osceola township, and is numbered among the successful and progressive agriculturists of his locality. He was born in Illinois, August 12, 1874, and is a son of Henry F. and Martha (Stoneberg) Richtsmeier, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was twelve years of age and located in Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He moved to Iowa in 1883 and purchased a farm in Grant township, this county, whereon he resided until his death, which occurred on the 4th of February, 1909. His wife survives him and still resides upon the homestead. To their union were born seven children: Henry F., of this review; Fred, of Franklin county; John, residing in Bradford; William, of Geneva; and Herman, Frank and Christ, of Grant township.

Henry F. Richtsmeier was nine years of age when he moved with his parents to Franklin county and has been a resident of this part of Iowa since that time. In his childhood he learned farming through practical experience upon his father's property, and his entire active life has been given over to this occupation. He now rents the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Osceola township, and here carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches having become under his able management important and profitable.

On the 15th of February, 1899, Mr. Richtsmeier was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Heitland, a native of Germany and a daughter of Henry and Maggie (Nortman) Heitland, also natives of the fatherland. They came to America in 1891, locating in Grant township, this county, where the father engaged in farming for ten years. He is now living retired in Buffalo Center, Iowa. In this family were ten children: Henry and Herman, who reside in Hardin

county; Vina, of Buffalo Center; Tillie, wife of the subject of this review; George, of Buffalo Center; Elizabeth, the wife of William Marske, of Portland, Oregon; Maggie, who married John Sleeper, of Iowa; Jennie, the wife of Cort Micelsen, of Portland, Oregon; Gertrude, who resides in Hardin county, Iowa; and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richtsmeier had three children, Martha Rose and Jennie Gertrude, at home, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Richtsmeier is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. In business his course has been characterized by strict fidelity to principle, and in social relations he has displayed a courtesy and cordiality which have won him many friends.

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### ANDREW W. STEWART.

Andrew W. Stewart still owns a valuable farm of fifty-three acres on section 22, Oakland township. Success has come to him in response to indefatigable labor, judicious management and up-to-date methods. Mr. Stewart was born in lower Canada, April 15, 1845, his parents being Andrew and Margaret (Evans) Stewart, natives of Ireland. The father came to America when a boy, and the parents moved to Iowa in 1870, locating in Delaware county. From there they came to Franklin county in 1880, making their home near Burdette. They have both passed away. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom seven are now living, as follows: Mary, the wife of James Lowrey, of the province of Quebec, Canada; Robert, of Iowa Falls; A. W.; George, of Colorado; Ella, the wife of Albert Story, of Idaho; Edward, of Iowa Falls; and Susan, who married William Hill, of Dixon, Missouri.

Andrew W. Stewart spent the early part of his active career on farms in Vermont, where he worked for several years during the Civil war. In 1870 he made his way to Michigan and there farmed for five years, before coming to Iowa. He became a resident of Delaware county in 1880 and later came to Franklin county, locating near Burdette, making his home there for five years. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 22, Oakland township, of which he still owns fifty-three acres. He has brought his land to a high state of productivity and has instituted all modern improvements about his place. He engages in general farming,

and his industry, energy and close application to his work have resulted in his financial independence.

On April 15, 1868, Mr. Stewart married Miss Olive F. Lee, a native of Canada, and a daughter of Edward and Betsey (Willey) Lee, the father a native of England and the mother born in Connecticut. They had eleven children, of whom five are now living, namely: William, of Boston; Malina, who married Charles Thurston, of Boston; Olive F., who is now Mrs. Andrew W. Stewart; Isabelle, the wife of J. Stevens, of Boston; and Charles R., of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have three children: Cora B., who married Lee A. Montgomery, of Arkansas; Carrie, the wife of Dell Soddey, of Dows, Iowa; and Minnie E., who married J. T. Bellman, of Canastota, South Dakota.

Mr. Stewart is one of the progressive agriculturists of Franklin county and has contributed his part toward improving land values in the middle west and raising agricultural standards. He is a republican and has always done a citizen's duty faithfully, although he has never aspired to public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his friends and neighbors and such success as has come to him is highly merited.

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#### FRANK R. ATKINSON.

Frank R. Atkinson, engaged in general farming on section 15, Mott township, was born in Hampton, February 22, 1878, and is a son of John Atkinson, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. Atkinson of this review attended school in Hampton and when he began his independent career worked in William Beed's feed store for four years. He afterward worked in H. O. Beed's hardware store two years, then followed carpentering for three years and then turned his attention to general farming. He is now farming two hundred and eighty acres in Mott township.

On the 21st of February, 1907, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Netha Law, a native of Illinois, who came to Franklin county in 1894, locating in Hampton. Her father was at that time a traveling salesman and is now engaged in farming in Cherokee county. In his family were ten children: Mabel, the wife of H. Klingensmith, of Cherokee county; Marvin, deceased; Netha, the wife of our sub-

ject; Hollan, of Cherokee county; Alta, the wife of Irvin Whyte, of Cherokee county; and Ellen, Charles, Glenn, Lester and Leta, all of Cherokee. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have become the parents of a son, Robert Lynn, born April 18, 1908. Mr. Atkinson is a member of the Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Success has attended his well directed efforts, and he now occupies an enviable position in agricultural circles.

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### JOHN E. CARR.

The agricultural development of the middle west is largely due to such energetic men as John E. Carr, who owns one hundred and seventy acres of land on section 22, Oakland township, which he devotes to general farming. The Carr farm is in a high state of productivity and by its appearance bespeaks that the latest methods of farming are employed there. Mr. Carr is also interested in other real estate and is president of the bank at Popejoy. He was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, November 18, 1859, and is a son of Nicholas and Mary (Richardson) Carr, natives of England, who came to America about 1845 and located in Wisconsin. There the father lived for about twenty years, his death occurring in 1865. The father was a shoemaker by trade but during the last four years of his life, followed agricultural pursuits. His wife survived him many years, her death occurring January 24, 1909. To this union were born seven children: Henry H., of Popejoy; Sarah, who married William Doran, of Volin, South Dakota; William, of Bowman, North Dakota; John E.; Minnie, who married C. H. Meyers, of Traer, Iowa; Eva, deceased; and Cora, the wife of Pierce Cole, of Traer, Iowa.

When John E. Carr was about nine years of age his mother married again, and he shortly thereafter left home and until fifteen years of age remained with strangers. On April 17, 1875, he made his first appearance in Oakland as an agriculturist. He was married when twenty years of age and in 1881 bought eighty acres of land in Oakland township. This property he sold two years later and then acquired title to one hundred and seventy acres on section 22, of which he is now the owner. He has instituted a number of valuable improvements, and his buildings are kept well in repair and are splendidly equipped. Mr. Carr is an up-to-date agriculturist and such success as has come to him is well merited, as it is due to



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close application, unceasing industry and unflagging energy. Mr Carr is also interested in real estate in Popejoy. Moreover he is president of the bank there and in the management of its affairs displays executive ability and knowledge of financial needs and conditions.

In 1880, when about twenty-one years of age, he married Miss Nellie Baker, a native of Franklin county, who passed away in 1886. Of this union three children were born: Lucia V., the wife of C. C. Hart, of Kerman, California; Luella, who married Dr. W. G. Brady, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Nellie, who died in infancy. On January 29, 1889, Mr. Carr married Miss Alice Corbin, a native of Indiana, and they have five children: Lorena, who married Floyd Runnell, of Dows, Iowa; Inez, at home, who teaches school at Popejoy; J. E., Jr., also at home; and Gladys and Woodrow C., at home.

Mr. Carr is a republican and has always upheld the principles of that party. For six years he has been township assessor and is now president of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a valuable champion. For seven years he has been a member of the board of supervisors and in the government of Franklin county has taken a laudable interest, always turning his efforts to good account. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, while fraternally he is a Mason and a Modern Woodman. Mr. Carr is a successful agriculturist who has helped to make possible the prosperous conditions now existing. He is a man of high character and a valuable and public-spirited citizen. Such men as he are the backbone of the nation.

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#### EMANUEL H. CAPELLEN.

Emanuel H. Capellen is a successful agriculturist of Morgan township, giving much attention to the cultivation of sorghum. He has been quite successful along this line and has demonstrated that Iowa land is well adapted to this plant. His efforts, therefore, have not only been beneficial to himself but have been of value to the general farming community. Mr. Capellen was born in Franklin county, July 30, 1868, and is a son of Henry and Magdalena (Kaiser) Capellen, natives of Germany. As a young man the father came to America, locating at first in Wisconsin and making his way

to Franklin county in 1863. He was a wagon maker by trade but in later years followed farming. He died in Franklin county, December 16, 1882, highly honored and respected. The mother survived him for a number of years, her death occurring August 5, 1911. Of their twelve children seven are now living: Henry, of Nebraska; Mary, the wife of H. Rankin, of Dows; James, also of Dows; Lydia, who married George Rankin, of Dows; William, of Morgan township; Emanuel H., our subject; and Sarah, the wife of F. Hackbarth, of Morgan township.

Emanuel H. Capellen early took up farm labor, assisting his mother on the old homestead after his father's death. In 1891, when about twenty-three years of age, he bought eighty acres on section 28, Morgan township, and on this land he has made a specialty of raising sorghum. He has been highly successful along this line and has made many improvements upon his property. His buildings are kept in excellent repair and his machinery is of the most approved type. Mr. Capellen has had the honor of supplying sorghum for the table of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, and a local paper has the following to say in regard to his shipments to the White House: "Few of our people know it, but according to press reports President Wilson uses good old-fashioned sorghum on his table. Not only that, but it is Iowa sorghum and is furnished by E. H. Capellen, a Franklin county farmer, who lives in Morgan township. A special dispatch in Saturday's daily papers says: 'While William Jennings Bryan is getting close to the common people by using grape juice on his table, Woodrow Wilson is making a strong bid for the farm vote of the great midwest by using Iowa sorghum as a lubricant for his plate of flapjacks every morning. E. H. Capellen, who lives in Franklin county, Iowa, has just dispatched the president's winter supply of old-fashioned sorghum to the White House. And taking cognizance of the government's endeavor to make it interesting for the express companies, the Iowa farmer forwarded the president's supply of the thick, sweet cane juice by parcel post. The Iowa sorghum supply is short this year, too, so the president's appreciation of the product should be correspondingly high. Mr. Capellen was able to squeeze out only seven hundred gallons of the sweet this year as against almost twice that much last year. Fifteen acres of cane yielded his supply this year and it will bring him in above four hundred dollars. In addition, however, he will have three hundred bushels of cane seed, which will bring him another four hundred dollars, or a total income from fifteen acres of rich Iowa soil of about eight hundred dollars.' "

On October 17, 1894, Mr. Capellen married Miss Emma Schwieger, who was born in Franklin county and is a daughter of John C. and Gertrude (Blum) Schwieger, natives of Germany, who came to Iowa about 1870, locating in Morgan township. The parents were widely and favorably known among farming people of this section. The father died January 16, 1913, and the mother, March 21, 1912. They were the parents of eight children: Emma, the wife of the subject of this review; John William, a farmer of Morgan township; Martha, the wife of H. J. Benz, of Charles City, Iowa; Lydia R., who married Rev. A. W. Gauger, of McGregor; Louis E., of Dows; George B., of Twin Falls, Idaho; Fred C., who resides on the old family homestead; and Grace E., of Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Capellen have three children: Ruth Beatrice, born October 16, 1897; Fern Esther, November 12, 1903; and Gerald E., December 12, 1909.

Mr. Capellen has always taken a deep interest in the cause of education and for fifteen years was secretary of the township school board. His religion is that of the Methodist church. In politics he is a republican and stanchly upholds the candidates of his party. He enjoys a high reputation in his neighborhood and is esteemed for his good qualities of character. Such success as has come to him is well merited, and none can begrudge him his prosperity.

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#### FRANK HUSHKA.

Frank Hushka, prominently connected with business interests of Bradford as manager of a grain elevator, was born in Austria, July 25, 1864. He is a son of Ferdinand and Hannah Hushka, also natives of that country, who came to America in the '70s, locating in Grant township, Franklin county, Iowa. They remained there for twelve years and then moved to Kossuth county, this state, whence they removed to Winnipeg, Canada. They afterward made their home in the province of Saskatchewan, where the father died. His wife survives him and now makes her home in Kossuth county with her son. To their union were born ten children: Theresa, the wife of Mr. Markle, of Minnesota; Frank, of this review; John, of Kossuth county, Iowa; Joseph, a resident of Minnesota; Fred, of South Dakota; Fannie, who is married and lives in Minnesota; Mary, a trained nurse, residing in Chicago; Caroline, the wife of John Finn, of Minnesota; Henry, a resident of South Battleford,

Saskatchewan; and William, who makes his home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Frank Hushka acquired his education in the public schools of Grant township and at the age of twenty-one began his independent career, engaging in farming upon rented land. Ten years later he bought eighty acres in Grant township, this county, and two years afterward sold this property and moved into Bradford, one of the earliest settlers in that community. Since that time his interests have extended to many fields, touching closely the upbuilding and development of the town, so that he has become one of the prominent and leading citizens. In 1907 he associated himself with W. J. Hamilton and they established a grain elevator here, since which time Mr. Hushka has acted as manager. He is a business man of keen insight and discrimination, and his success is the best proof of his capability.

On the 25th of February, 1890, Mr. Hushka married Miss Mary E. Croft, a native of Franklin county, and they have two children: Leo F., who was born July 4, 1893, and who is now associated with his father in business; and Mabel E., born January 9, 1896.

Mr. Hushka is a member of the Christian church and connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. A stanch republican in his political beliefs, he has held various positions of public trust and responsibility, serving with great credit as school director, road supervisor and township assessor. In all official, business and personal relations he holds to high ideals and has commanded the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

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#### O. M. WEBBER.

General farming and stock-raising interests command the attention of O. M. Webber, who since 1881 has owned and operated one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land on section 7, Grant township. He was born in Maine, June 10, 1858, and is a son of M. A. and Olive L. (Dyer) Webber, the former a native of Maine and the latter of New Hampshire. The parents came to Iowa in 1875 and located on section 15, Grant township, where the father engaged in farming for a number of years. He later moved to Iowa Falls, where he was for some time in the brick and tile business. He spent the later years of his life in retirement in Iowa Falls, where his widow still resides. To their union were born four children: Ida

Ella, who passed away in 1877; O. M., of this review; Ora W., a resident of Spirit Lake, Iowa; and Scott I., of Iowa Falls.

O. M. Webber came to Iowa with his parents in 1875, being at that time seventeen years of age. He afterward assisted with the operation of the homestead until 1881, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Grant township. Upon this property he has since resided, and the years have brought him steadily increasing success, so that today he is numbered among the representative farmers of his locality. He has steadily carried forward the work of improving his homestead and has provided it with substantial buildings and modern equipment. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, his interests along both lines being extensive and important.

On the 17th of September, 1879, Mr. Webber was united in marriage to Miss Zilpha A. Lyman, a native of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of three children: Guy Russell; Ida May, who married James M. Smith, of Bradford, and has one son, Lyman W.; and Zera D., the wife of Clinton B. Stockdale. Mr. and Mrs. Stockdale have one son, Forrest W. Guy Russell Webber acquired his education in district school and in Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls, from which he was graduated in June, 1899. He afterward engaged in railroad work as fireman for the Illinois Central Railroad Company for three years and one year as engineer and then turned his attention to farming. He is now operating Mr. Webber's property in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

O. M. Webber is a member of the Christian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held all of the township offices and is now filling the position of township clerk. He has rendered excellent service in this capacity and in all relations of life has proven himself upright, honorable and straightforward, well worthy of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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### JOHN WILLIAM SCHWIEGER.

Not only is John William Schwieger the owner of a prosperous farm in Morgan township, but he is also treasurer of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company, showing himself an able business man in this position. Mr. Schwieger was born in Franklin county, Morgan township, June 12, 1874. He is a son of Johann C. and

Gertrude (Blum) Schwieger, the former born August 17, 1835, and the latter October 27, 1844. Both parents have passed away, the mother dying March 21, 1912, and the father January 16, 1913. They were natives of Germany and were married in Freeport, Illinois, on the 7th of February, 1871. The father settled in Iowa in 1870. They had eight children: Emma, the wife of E. H. Capellen; John William; Martha, the wife of H. J. Benz, of Charles City, Iowa; Lydia R., who married Rev. A. W. Gauger, of McGregor, Iowa; Louis E., of Dows; George B., of Twin Falls, Idaho; Fred C., who resides on the old family homestead; and Grace E., of Franklin county.

John W. Schwieger was reared under the parental roof and in acquiring his education attended the schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm. He early became acquainted with farm work and took this up when he started upon his independent career, buying eighty acres of land on section 23, Morgan township. He has made excellent improvements upon the land and his acres are carefully cultivated. His buildings are kept in good repair, and he has erected a silo with a capacity of one hundred tons. He engages in general farming, following the most modern methods.

On September 27, 1898, Mr. Schwieger was united in marriage to Miss Flora E. Melcher, a native of Floyd county, Iowa, and a daughter of Lewis and Caroline (Stoeber) Melcher, the former a native of New York and the latter of Grant county, Wisconsin. Years ago they came to Iowa, and they are now residing in Charles City. The father is a veteran of the Civil war. The parents had eight children: Sylvanus G. and Henry E., deceased; Flora E., wife of the subject of this review; Charles O., of Charles City; Evelyn E., the wife of J. Stratte, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Herbert O., deceased; Clarence L., of Charles City, Iowa; and Mabel E., who married Louis Schneider, of Charles City. Mr. and Mrs. Schwieger have three children: Oliver W., born August 14, 1899; Viola E., born January 26, 1902; and Howard W., born August 12, 1907.

Mr. Schwieger is public-spirited and interests himself in township affairs to quite an extent. He is a republican and for some time served as township assessor. He has also been treasurer of the local telephone company and is now treasurer of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company. He is not only a successful agriculturist but a shrewd and able business man and his services have been of great benefit to the corporation of which he is an officer. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he gives

his moral and material support. Mr. Schwieger has many friends in Morgan township and stands high in the confidence of the general public. He is a successful man, and his prosperity has come to him in response to closely applied effort.

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### E. M. MOORE.

E. M. Moore is an enterprising and representative young citizen of Franklin county who has for a number of years devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and still owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land on section 25, Ross township, but is now planning to give all of his time to the real-estate business at Chapin, having found this a congenial and profitable field of endeavor. His birth occurred in Stokes county, North Carolina, on the 22d of February, 1881, his parents being W. H. and Annie (Martin) Moore, likewise natives of that state. The family is of Scotch and Irish descent in the paternal line but has been represented in the United States for several generations. The parents of our subject recently came to Franklin county and are now residing in Marion township.

E. M. Moore was reared in the state of his nativity and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. Since putting aside his text-books he has been engaged in the work of the fields. About thirteen years ago he came to Iowa and secured employment by the month as a farm hand in Hardin county. When he had accumulated sufficient capital he purchased a tract of eighty acres in that county and subsequently bought a farm of similar size in Franklin county. Two years ago he came into possession of the old Randolph farm, comprising one hundred and forty-four acres on section 31, Ross township, which he has recently sold. He next purchased two hundred and forty acres on section 25, Ross township, but has already put this on sale and is preparing to establish himself in the real-estate business at Chapin. Mr. Moore has done considerable buying and selling of realty with gratifying results and believes that in this field he will find greater opportunity for the exercise of his business ability and judgment. Industry and energy are among his salient characteristics and augur well for a successful future.

In Hardin county, Iowa, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Florence Fowler, a native of that county and a daughter of J. W. and Arena (Clemens) Fowler, the former born in Ohio and

the latter in Hardin county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have two children, Clarence and Johnnie.

Mr. Moore gives his political allegiance to the prohibition party and is a total abstainer from all alcoholic beverages, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils which besets the nation. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Friends church while Mr. Moore's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. His religion is an active and vital force in his life and has given to an upright and honest business man the added qualification of a worthy and honorable Christian gentleman.

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### EMIL OLESON.

Among the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Morgan township, Franklin county, is Emil Oleson, a native of Sweden, where he was born April 1, 1874. He is a son of Olaf and Inga (Johnson) Oleson, both natives of that country, where the father passed away. The mother crossed the Atlantic and is now living in Iron Mountain, Michigan. They were the parents of seven children: John, of Dows; Emil, our subject; Malvina, the wife of Gust Erickson, of Iron Mountain, Michigan; Lydia, who married Joel Axberg, also of Michigan; a son, who died in infancy; Ellen, the wife of Charley Anderson, of Michigan; and Samuel, also of that state.

Emil Oleson early began life's active work. At the age of twelve he undertook to do farm labor and until eighteen years of age was so engaged. He then came to Dows, where he was successful as a renter, acquiring the means which enabled him to buy in 1907 the one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 10, Morgan township, which he now owns and upon which he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He is progressive and up-to-date and has made valuable improvements upon his farm. His buildings are in good repair, and his property bespeaks by its appearance the prosperity of its owner.

The marriage of Mr. Oleson to Miss Ada Erickson occurred on December 21, 1897. She is a daughter of John Erickson, who is mentioned at greater length in another part of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Oleson had six children: John V., deceased; and Claud Milford, Edna Alida, Floyd Randolph, Inez Christina and Arnold J.

Mr. Oleson is not only a successful agriculturist but a public-spirited citizen, who takes an interest in all matters that affect the public welfare. He is interested in the cause of education and serves on the school board of Morgan township. He is a member of the Free Mission church, which he supports. Mr. Oleson stands high in the estimation of all who know him, not only for what he has accomplished, but for those qualities of mind and character which have led him to prosperity.

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### JAMES BERGEN.

Among the young agriculturists of Franklin county is James Bergen, a native of Illinois, who for a number of years has cultivated one hundred and twenty acres on section 10, Oakland township. By employing the most modern methods he has become one of the successful agriculturists of this section. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on July 16th, 1870, and is a son of John and Hannah (Shaw) Bergen, natives of Ireland. The parents came to American and made their home in New York city for four years, whence they removed to Massachusetts, where they spent one year. They then sought the middle west, where the father was employed in the pineries and engaged in lumbering for about two years in Michigan. They left that state for Illinois, where Mr. Bergen, Sr., turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and became a well-to-do farmer. He died on the 15th of February, 1913, and his wife still makes her home in Illinois. They were the parents of nine children: Mary J., who married Charles Sabin, of Bureau county, that state; Patrick H., also of Illinois; John and Nellie, twins, the former of Illinois and the latter deceased; James and Sarah, twins, the former our subject and the latter of Illinois; Thomas, who makes his home with James Bergen; George, of Illinois; and one, who died in infancy.

James Bergen was reared under the parental roof and had such school education as was afforded in the neighborhood where he was then residing. He left his home at the age of nineteen, coming to Franklin county with a neighbor, for whom he worked that year. Being careful of his earnings he was enabled in 1900 to buy eighty acres of land in Wright county, which he sold at the end of a year and then acquired title to the one hundred and twenty acres which he now owns on section 10, Oakland township. Mr. Bergen's prop-

erty is well improved and in a good state of cultivation. He follows the latest methods of farming and has installed the most modern machinery. He also gives his attention largely to stock-raising.

On December 20, 1899, Mr. Bergen married Miss Caroline Johnson, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Martin and Annie Johnson. They have three children: Beulah Blanche, born December 2, 1900; Maynard James, born December 14, 1903; and Luella Belle, February 24, 1906.

Mr. Bergen gives his allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is a Modern Woodman of America. He is a member of the school board and has done valuable work in promoting the cause of education. Such success as has come to him is well merited as it has been built upon honesty, energy and industry. Mr. Bergen is popular in the neighborhood and has made many friends since locating in Franklin county.

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### WILLIAM M. DOVEY.

William M. Dovey, one of the valued and representative citizens of Hampton, was born in England, December 27, 1834. He is a son of William M. and Mary (Palmer) Dovey, also natives of England, both of whom have passed away. In their family were eight children: Caroline, who is postmistress in a town in Australia; John, of Nebraska; William M., of this review; Betsy, deceased; Sophia, who has passed away; Mary, the widow of Mr. Nipper, of England; Henry, also a resident of England; and Sarah, deceased.

When William M. Dovey was ten years of age his father wished him to learn the shoemaking trade and in order to avoid this he ran away from home and secured a position as a farm laborer, working for one employer for ten years. In 1878 he came to Franklin county and four years afterward bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Geneva township. To this he afterward added one hundred and sixty acres and he carried on general farming and stock-raising upon the property until 1902. In that year he bought eighteen acres inside the corporation limits of Hampton, and here he has since resided. He has greatly improved the place, has set out a fine orchard and ornamental trees and has made his home one of the most attractive in the city. He makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and his success is the natural result of his ability and enterprise.



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Mr. Dovey was united in marriage to Miss Ann Day, a native of England, and they have become the parents of the following children: Mary, the wife of Joseph Petheran, of Chapin; James, operating the homestead in Reeve township; Henry, of Latimer; Theodore, of Reeve township; Sarah, the wife of William Seeger, of Ingham township; William, deceased; and two, who died in England. Mr. Dovey's first wife died in March, 1907, and he afterward married Mrs. Isabell (Bewley) Shinn, the widow of George Shinn.

Mr. Dovey is a member of the Congregational church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. A resident of Franklin county for thirty-five years, he is widely known within its borders, and the substantial qualities which he has displayed in citizenship and in his business relations have gained him a high place in the regard and esteem of his neighbors and friends.

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### JOHN F. KOPACEK.

John F. Kopacek, the owner of the Mulberry Farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Geneva township, was born in Bohemia, January 7, 1871. He is a son of Frank and Rosa (Martinek) Kopacek, also natives of Bohemia, who came to America in 1875 and located in Marshall county, Iowa, where they remained for two years. At the end of that time they moved to Franklin county and resided near Faulkner until 1909, after which they moved to Hancock county, where they now make their home, the father living retired. Five children were born to their union: Anna, the wife of W. Zeman, of Linn county, Iowa; John F., of this review; Mary, the wife of L. Prochaska, of Hancock county; Frank, of Hancock; and Barbara, the wife of S. Nedvod, of Hancock county.

John F. Kopacek was brought to America by his parents in 1875 and spent the greater part of his childhood in Franklin county. When he was twenty-two years of age he began farming independently in the vicinity of Franklin and since that time has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1899 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Geneva township, and upon this property he has since resided, cultivating and developing it according to the most practical agricultural methods. His property is known as the Mulberry Farm and is well improved in every particular, being provided with an excellent set of buildings and modern machinery. Mr. Kopacek engages in general farming and stock-

raising and under his able management both branches have become important and profitable.

On the 30th of July, 1894, Mr. Kopacek was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Nachazel, who was born in South Dakota. When a child her parents moved to California, where they remained five years and then moved to Franklin county, where Mrs. Kopacek has since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Kopacek have become the parents of four children: Mamie, eighteen years of age; Joseph, aged seventeen; Frank, a boy of fourteen; and Agnes, twelve years of age. Mr. Kopacek is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and his fraternal connections are with the Royal Neighbors and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was overseer of the township for two terms and has been school director. During his life he has carefully noted and used his opportunities, making each moment count, and his example of unremitting industry and perseverance is one well worthy of emulation.

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#### PETER M. DAMM.

Peter M. Damm, who has operated a blacksmith shop in Latimer since 1883, was born in Denmark, December 13, 1847. He is a son of Jorgen and Christiana (Kofvald) Damm, also natives of that country. Peter M. Damm remained in Denmark until 1868 and then crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Peru, Illinois, where he remained until 1873. He next went to Granville continuing there until 1875. In 1876 he started a shop in La Salle, Illinois, and conducted it until 1883, when he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and opened a blacksmith shop in Latimer, which he has since conducted. His work is of high quality and his business methods straightforward and honorable, and, therefore, his patronage has increased steadily through the years and has reached gratifying proportions at the present time. In addition to his shop Mr. Damm owns a home and two town lots in Latimer and a quarter section of valuable land in Wisner township.

Mr. Damm married Miss Anna Larson, and they have become the parents of four children: John, who is assisting his father; Jennie, at home; Gerty, the wife of J. E. Jenson, of Wisner township; and Annie, who married Roy Scott, of South Dakota. Mr. Damm is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political

allegiance to the republican party, serving for two terms as township trustee. He is a man whose enterprise and industry have gained him an excellent reputation in the community, and he is justly numbered among the representative citizens of Latimer.

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### KNUDT NELSON.

Knudt Nelson was born in Norway but found here in America the opportunities for an independent career. He is an agriculturist of Franklin county, owning a farm in Oakland township, and also has property interests in Wright county. Mr. Nelson was born on the 8th of February, 1845, and is a son of Nels and Caroline Nelson, natives of Norway. Both crossed the ocean, making their way to the middle west, settling in Wisconsin, where they passed away. They had six children: Henry, of North Dakota; Helga and Thomas, deceased; Knudt, our subject; Johanna, who married Knute Oleson, of Hardin county; and Carrie, deceased.

Mr. Nelson after coming to this country enlisted from Monroe, Wisconsin, in Company A, Forty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry, for service in the Civil war. This was in the year 1865, and he served until the conflict ended. He then returned to Wisconsin, where he remained for one year, at the end of which period he made his way to Minnesota, making that state his home for three years. The year 1875 marks his arrival in Franklin county, where he located in the southeast part, buying eighty acres of land in Morgan township. Upon selling that he secured title to one hundred and sixty-six acres, but again disposed of his interests and bought fifty-seven acres in Oakland township on section 6. He also owns forty-seven acres in Wright county. He devotes his land to general farming and has been quite successful in his efforts as a farmer.

On March 11, 1882, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Inger Oleson, a daughter of William and Inger Oleson, natives of Norway, who had nine children: Betsey, the widow of A. Ingebretson, of Franklin county; Ole, of Morgan township; Michael, of Franklin county; Cynthia, deceased; Sweiden, of South Dakota; Inger, the wife of our subject; Elizabeth, who married O. Paulsen, of New Hampton, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Albert Hagerson, of Minnesota; and a son, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have fourteen children: Nels, at home; Oscar, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Samuel, at home; Lena, the wife of

Arthur Lewis, of Austin, Minnesota; Isabelle, of Iowa Falls; William, at home; Eda, the wife of W. Benwitch, of Franklin county; Amos, Clara, Martha, Alma, Mamie, Herbert and Raymond, at home.

Mr. Nelson is highly respected in Oakland township, where he has made many friends who all esteem him for the high qualities of his character. He is a republican and stanchly votes for the candidates and measures of that party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Although a Norwegian by birth, Mr. Nelson has become in thought and ideal a patriotic American and is a public-spirited citizen who gives his support to all measures that make for the progress and advancement of the township and the county.

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### FRANK DE FOREST.

Frank De Forest, a progressive agriculturist of Franklin county, farms three hundred and twenty acres in Oakland township, making a specialty of raising polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. Mr. De Forest is a native of Fairfield county, Connecticut, where he was born on the 27th of February, 1859. He is a son of Harvey B. and Mary (Richards) De Forest, the former born in Connecticut, June 12, 1833, and the latter born February 18, 1836. Both parents have passed away, the father dying April 1, 1868, and the mother, long surviving him, August 9, 1910. The grandfather of our subject was Captain Charles De Forest, who was born in 1796 and participated in the War of 1812. His wife was Betsey Birchard, who died in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. De Forest were the parents of four children: Charles W., of Fairbury, Illinois; Edwin R., deceased; Frank; and Harvey W., of Ridgefield, Connecticut, who was born May 12, 1868.

Frank De Forest was nine years of age when his father passed away and for nine years after that made his home with an aunt. In 1877 he heeded the call of the west and came to Illinois. In that state he remained until December 25, 1895, which date marks his arrival in Iowa. After locating in this state he rented land for twelve years, his labors being attended with gratifying success. The tract which he now cultivates consists of three hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Oakland township, and is his property. The land was formerly owned by L. R. Fobes, who, having no children left the property to Mr. De Forest. Since becoming the owner Mr.

De Forest has made many valuable improvements upon the farm. His buildings are kept well in repair, and his land is in a high state of cultivation. He makes a specialty of raising polled Angus cattle and augments his income from the breeding of Poland China hogs. Mr. De Forest is an up-to-date farmer, and while he has attained prosperity, has contributed toward raising the agricultural standards in Franklin county.

On April 19, 1888, Mr. De Forest was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Lockhart, a native of Hancock county, Illinois, where she was born October 30, 1863, a daughter of Arthur and Jennie (Sharp) Lockhart, natives of Ireland. The father, however, is of Scotch descent and the mother of English, although they were born on the Emerald isle. The parents emigrated to Canada, making their way across the ocean in a sailing vessel and from the Dominion, to Illinois. In that state the father passed away October 7, 1879, and the mother yet lives there. Of this union there were born nine children: Nelson, of Wellington, Illinois; Lilly, also of that city; William, who resides also at Wellington; Rosa, the wife of Mr. De Forest; and Robert, Arthur, John, Samuel and George, all of Wellington. To Mr. and Mrs. De Forest there have been born four children: Gertrude May, at home; Ruby L., attending the State University at Iowa Falls; and F. Ray and George R., at home.

Mr. and Mrs. De Forest are Presbyterians and take a laudable interest in church affairs. The former is politically a republican. He is reputed to have raised the first alfalfa in Franklin county and now has ten acres, from which he receives three crops yearly. These three cuttings will average about four tons per acre, a statement which plainly indicates the profit to be derived from alfalfa in this section. Although Mr. De Forest has never entered politics, he allies himself with such men as desire progress and exert their efforts for the benefit of the people. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and has many friends in the neighborhood.

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#### AUGUST H. HACKBARTH.

August H. Hack Barth was born in Germany, August 12, 1845. He is a son of Frederick Hack Barth, who came to this country in 1870, locating in Wisconsin. He was successful along agricultural lines and died in October, 1892, his wife having preceded him many years, passing away when August H. Hack Barth of this review was

but twelve years of age. To them were born six children: Anna, who married William Hackborth, of Wisconsin; August H.; Charles, who lives retired in Chicago; Amelia, deceased; Caroline, deceased; and one, who died in infancy.

August H. Hackborth began his independent career in the lumber business when seventeen years of age, along which line he was active for about two years. He then took up farming and in 1869 came to Morgan township, where he acquired title to three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 23. He has been quite successful in his farming pursuits, having developed a valuable property from wild prairie land. At the present time he retains but forty acres, having given the rest of his land to his children.

Mr. Hackborth was united in marriage to Miss Elvina Hackborth, a native of Germany, who passed away July 16, 1912. To this union were born fifteen children: William H.; Frank, Albert and Henry, of Morgan township; Edward; Emma, who married H. Rankin, of Morgan township; Lydia, the wife of R. Brager, of Minnesota; Theresa, at home; Friebert, Fred and John, at home; Ernest, of Morgan township; and three, who died in infancy.

Mr. Hackborth is a republican, stanchly supporting the principles of that organization and giving his vote to its candidates. He has been prominent in the public life of Morgan township, having served as a trustee, as school director, justice of the peace and also as school treasurer. He has always been interested in all movements undertaken in order to promote growth and development along material as well as moral and intellectual lines. He is a devoted member of the Evangelical church, in the work of which he is much interested. Mr. Hackborth is honored by all who know him for the high qualities of his character, and he stands high in the confidence of his fellow citizens.

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### JAMES H. JOHNSTON.

James H. Johnston, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Franklin county, owning today one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead in Mott township, upon which he was born November 22, 1864, is a son of James and Elizabeth (Bradfute) Johnston, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Ohio. They came to Franklin county in 1855, and the father engaged in



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farming in this part of Iowa until his death, which occurred August 17, 1897. His wife survives him. In their family were seven children: John E.; David Franklin, of Manhattan, Kansas; Ralph W., of Lincoln, Nebraska; James H., of this review; Charles F., a banker of Sheffield; George A., deceased; and Jennie E., the wife of E. A. Beemer, of Reeve township.

James H. Johnston was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his education in district schools, spending the time when not engaged with his books aiding in the operation of the homestead. When he was twenty-eight years of age he bought a quarter section of land in Hancock county, Iowa, and after operating this for five year sold it and moved to Madison county. There he farmed upon one hundred and sixty acres of land for six years and then moved to South Dakota, purchasing a half section in that state. He remained there three years, finally selling his property there and returning to Franklin county. Here he bought one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead in Mott township, and this property he has since operated, carrying forward the work of improvement and cultivation along modern and practical lines. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, occupations with which he has been identified since his childhood, and he is meeting with that success which his ability and experience command.

On the 17th of September, 1890, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Emma Paul, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lee) Paul, the former a native of Ireland of Scotch ancestry and the latter of Canada. The father spent his entire active life engaged in farming, and his death occurred in Canada. His wife survives and makes her home in Saskatchewan. Eleven children were born to their union: Emma, the wife of the subject of this review; Margaret, who married William Arthurs, of Ontario; John, deceased; Thomas, of Toronto, Canada; Annie, the wife of John McDowell, of Ontario; Joshua, a resident of St. Cloud, Manitoba; Richard, who lives in Brock, Saskatchewan; Elizabeth, the wife of George Shea, of Brock; Helen, a trained nurse residing in Chicago; Victoria, the wife of W. D. Stacy, of Chinook, Alberta; and John, of Brock, Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have become the parents of nine children: George F., who was born July 31, 1891; James Paul, born July 16, 1893; Arthur E., born February 8, 1895; Ruth, who was born October 16, 1896, and died in August, 1897; Thelma, born June 18, 1898; Elizabeth, born February 25, 1900; Thomas L., born October 23, 1903; James H., Jr., born November 1, 1904; and John E., who

was born February 15, 1908, and died February 22d of the same year.

Mr. Johnston is a member of the Congregational church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is well known in Mott township and throughout the county and occupies an enviable position in agricultural circles, having fully demonstrated his worth and his progressive spirit.

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### FRANK E. DODD.

Frank E. Dodd has not only been successful as an agriculturist but is also interested in the grain elevator business as a member of the firm of Dodd & Schlosser, and the prosperous condition of the business is largely due to his ability and energy. Mr. Dodd was born in Carroll county, Illinois, January 26, 1854, and is a son of Jesse R. and Lucinda (Shepard) Dodd, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. The parents came to Franklin county in 1856, locating in Oakland township. There the father operated a sawmill and engaged in farming, following these occupations until his death in 1872. In his time he was prominent and participated in the government of the district as a member of the board of supervisors. His wife preceded him in death, passing away in 1870. To their union were born seven children: Emma, deceased; Frank E.; Clarence, of Popejoy; Lily, the wife of Charles Segar, of Clear Lake, Iowa; Lucinda, who married H. F. Stoffer, of Popejoy; Jessie, the wife of Frank Holton, also of Popejoy; and Annie, who married J. C. Long, of Lee township.

Frank E. Dodd came with his parents to Franklin county in his childhood. At the age of seventeen he began farming and successfully continued along that line until 1900, when he turned his attention to other pursuits. However, he still owns two hundred acres near Popejoy. He is now interested in two elevators which are conducted by the firm of Dodd & Schlosser. Mr. Dodd's long experience as an agriculturist stands him in good stead in the conduct of his present business.

On August 22, 1880, Frank E. Dodd was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Hills, a native of Illinois, and they have four children: Jay C., at home; Roy M., of Oakland township; Mae, the wife of William Scott, of Waterloo; and Harry, at home. Roy M.

Dodd is now living on the homestead in Oakland township and is cultivating his father's acres.

Frank E. Dodd is a republican, stanchly upholding the candidates and measures of that party. He has held a number of township offices and in his public-spirited execution of his duties has promoted the general welfare. Fraternally, he is a Knight of Pythias. Mr. Dodd has contributed toward agricultural standards and since leaving farm labor to younger hands has been successful in business in Popejoy. He enjoys a splendid reputation as a farmer, while as a business man he stands high in the estimation of the community.

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### ARNE O. SIME.

A great many Norwegians who have made their way to the United States have turned their attention to agriculture with excellent success. Among these is Arne O. Sime, who owns valuable holdings in Franklin county, most of which is located in Oakland township. Mr. Sime was born in Norway in 1833, and although eighty years of age, is still actively looking after his interests. He is a son of Ole and Anna (Johnson) Sime, Norway-born people, who came to America in 1856, locating in Wisconsin. There both passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children: Anna, deceased; Reginald, also deceased; Martha, who has passed away; Arne O., our subject; and Johanna, deceased.

Mr. Sime of this review was reared under the parental roof and under the parental care studied his lessons and became early acquainted with agricultural labors, assisting his father until the latter's death. Such education as could be had in the neighborhood of the father's farm he acquired in the country schools there. After the demise of the father, Mr. Sime went to Clear Lake, Iowa, where he remained a year and then came to Franklin county. In 1867 he bought eighty acres of land on section 6, Oakland township, and that he has been successful is evident from the fact that he now owns over nine hundred acres in Franklin and Wright counties. Mr. Sime devotes his land to general farming and stock-raising. His buildings are kept in excellent repair and modern machinery is used in the cultivation of the farm, and these methods have brought the land to a high state of cultivation.

On December 27th, 1861, Mr. Sime married Anna Christiansen, a native of Norway, and to them were born the following children:

Anna, who died in infancy; two sons, who have passed away; Anna, second of the name, who died in early girlhood; Julianna, at home; Oscar C., who operates his father's farm; Joseph S., at home; and Amos J., deceased.

Mr. Sime is a republican and for two terms served as township trustee. He is honored by all who know him for his high qualities of character, his straightforwardness and his public spirit. Although born in Norway, he has become a loyal American and a valuable citizen of his adopted county. Mr. Sime has lived to be rich in years, rich in friends and rich in the esteem of all who know him. His worth is recognized, and he is valued for what he has accomplished in life.

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### CLAUDE F. OSBORNE, M. D.

While engaged in general practice, Dr. Claude F. Osborne has specialized to a considerable extent in surgery and keeps in touch with the most advanced methods and the latest scientific investigations. He was born on the 15th of March, 1877, at Clear Lake, Iowa, the son of a retired farmer, George Osborne, and Anna (Booth) Osborne, who are now living at Hanlontown, Worth county, Iowa. The father was born in Jones county, this state, in 1851, and made farming his life work, continuing actively in agricultural pursuits until his retirement a few years ago.

Claude F. Osborne is one of a family of seven living children. In early life he attended the public schools of Clear Lake and afterward spent four years as a student in Nora Springs Seminary and two years in the State University at Iowa City. He was also for two years a student in the medical department of the State University of Illinois, which is the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago. There he graduated with the class of 1900, his thorough training well qualifying him for the onerous and responsible duties of life. He first located for practice in Aredale, Butler county, where he remained until 1906, when he came to Hampton, where he has since remained, building up an extensive practice. While he is still known as a general practitioner, he has more and more largely specialized in the field of surgery and is continually attending clinics in Chicago and elsewhere so as to keep in touch with the latest scientific methods of operation. His knowledge is broad, comprehensive and accurate and his ability is manifest in the splendid



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results which have followed his surgical work. One of the old-time physicians of the county said: "He will shortly be the leading physician and surgeon here if he isn't already." Such is the opinion of his brethren of the profession, who recognize the power that native and acquired ability has given him.

On the 1st of October, 1900, Dr. Osborne was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Lang, of Clear Lake, a daughter of Frank and Julia Lang, the father a prominent retired farmer of this section of the state. Dr. and Mrs. Osborne have one child, Gail M., born June 1, 1904.

Dr. Osborne holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Politically he is a republican, but is too busy with professional duties to give much time to politics. In association with Dr. Powers he has established a private hospital in Hampton and is doing more surgery in the city than all the other physicians together. He is modest and unassuming in manner, but with most commendable ambition is striving to reach the top of the profession, prompted by a sense of obligation toward his fellowmen in his efforts to alleviate suffering and check the ravages of disease. He never speaks boastingly of what he has accomplished, being willing that his reputation should be established by the report of his fellow citizens, and the consensus of public opinion now places him among the eminent representatives in the practice of medicine and surgery in Hampton and this part of the state.

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#### CARL HANSON.

Norway has furnished many valuable citizens to the United States and particularly agriculturists have found this country a large field of opportunity. Carl Hanson is among those who have come from the land of the midnight sun and have become well-to-do in following farming pursuits in the middle west. He now owns two hundred acres of highly improved land in Morgan township, and his financial independence must be largely attributed to his sturdy characteristics of honesty, industry and energy. He was born in Norway, April 16, 1853, and is a son of Hans and Rosa (Windrom) Hanson, both natives of the Norseland, where they passed away. They had three children: Bertha, who is the wife of Ole Gunderson, of Wisconsin; Carl, of this review; and Annie, who married

William Bear, of Hardin county, this state. The mother, after the death of her first husband, married Paul Soerum, and to this union was born one daughter, Mary, the wife of Hans Hansen, of North Dakota.

Carl Hanson acquired his early education in his native country, but at the age of fourteen was sent by his mother to an uncle in America in order to grow up among the opportunities afforded in the west of this great country. His uncle was subsequently killed by Indians in Minnesota, and Mr. Hanson worked largely at farm labor in that state and Wisconsin until thirty years of age. He then came to Franklin county, Iowa, where he bought eighty acres of land in Oakland township, which he cultivated for four years. Gratifying returns attended his labors, and he then acquired title to a quarter section in the same township, upon which he remained until 1902, when he purchased one-half section on section 34, Morgan township. Mr. Hanson immediately set himself to the task of improving his land and has erected thereon a number of substantial buildings. He now owns two hundred acres which yield him rich harvests. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and always follows the most modern methods.

On January 1, 1878, Mr. Hanson wedded Miss Gertrude Gardaland, a daughter of Ole and Gunnell (Flatigar) Gardaland natives of Norway. The father died there, and the mother passed away in Wisconsin. They had eight children: Annie, deceased; Henry, of Oakland township; Ole, deceased; Mrs. Gertrude Hanson; Julia, who married Iver Larson, of Wisconsin; Christie, the widow of Thomas Elefson, of Thompson, Iowa; Erick, of the same place; and Benjamin, of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson of this review have three children: Henry O., of Albert City, Iowa; Gunnell, who married Edward Evans, of Morgan township; and Benjamin R., at home.

Mr. Hanson is a republican and has held several township offices. He always interests himself in public affairs and not only has become a prosperous agriculturist but a valuable American citizen. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which they take a deep and lasting interest. Mr. Hanson on his mother's side is descended from the French. Her grandfather for seven years participated in the great French wars at the beginning of the century and also served for four years in the war between Norway and Sweden. A brother of this grandfather was taken a prisoner by Turkish pirates and kept in captivity for two years. However, he made his escape from prison and with four others succeeded in mak-

ing his way back to Norway. The record of Mr. Hanson would not be complete without this bit of family history, which shows him to be descended from two of the leading races of Europe, however different they may be in their characteristics. It is evident from his character and his success that he combines in himself the best qualities of both.

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### BENJAMIN F. ANDREWS.

Benjamin F. Andrews, who since July, 1897, has served with credit and ability as postmaster of Latimer, was born in Indiana, May 22, 1843. He is a son of George F. and Christiana (Hunt) Andrews, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. The parents moved to Illinois about 1855, and in that state the father conducted a hotel for several years. In 1877 he moved to Wright county, Iowa. His death occurred in South Dakota. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born eleven children: Pholinda, Eliza and Wallace, all of whom have passed away; Washington, who died in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; Benjamin F., of this review; Minerva, deceased; Ralza, of Nebraska; Seth, who has passed away; Orro, also deceased; Myron, of South Dakota; and Oscar, at the Cherokee Hospital.

Benjamin F. Andrews was reared in Indiana and Illinois and when he was eighteen years of age enlisted in Company G, Third Missouri Cavalry, going to the front September 4, 1861, and receiving his honorable discharge at St. Louis, Missouri, November 4, 1864. He returned to Illinois and thence in 1865 came to Franklin county, Iowa, locating in Hampton, where he was for several years in the harness business. He afterward turned his attention to farming and followed this occupation successfully for eleven years. At the end of that time he moved to Latimer and in July, 1897, was appointed postmaster of the city, a position which he has held continuously since that time and the duties of which he discharges in a prompt, systematic and capable manner.

On the 7th of July, 1869, Mr. Andrews married Miss Catherine C. Inman, a native of Illinois, who died March 27, 1913. To their union were born four children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The others are: Arthur H., born February 12, 1873, now assisting his father; Ashley C., engaged in the implement business at Latimer; and Lucy, the wife of Robert Givens, of Marion township. Mr.

Andrews is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as deputy sheriff and in a number of township offices. During the period of his residence in Latimer he has become widely and favorably known and he holds the esteem and confidence of all with whom business or official relations have brought him into contact.

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### GEORGE DANIEL THOMPSON.

George Daniel Thompson is operating one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land on section 7, Geneva township, and has made this one of the finest farms in his locality. He is a man to whom prosperity has come as the result of hard work, perseverance and energy, for he started out to earn his own livelihood at an early age and has steadily worked his way upward to success. He was born in this township, June 9, 1858, and is a son of William H. Thompson, a native of New Hampshire, born in 1831. The father grew to manhood on a farm in that state, attending the common school and academy in his native town, where he also engaged in teaching. In the fall of 1855 he came to Iowa and Franklin county and purchased from the government the farm that remained his home until his death, which occurred August 26, 1913. On the 7th of May, 1857, he was married to Miss Lucy Elizabeth Joslin, also a native of New Hampshire, who died in October, 1911. To this union were born six children. George Daniel, of this review; Julia E., who died in childhood; Abraham Lincoln, who also passed away in childhood; Herbert W., whose death occurred in 1894; Clarence Henry, who passed away in the same year; and Roland Joslin, of Reeve township. William H. Thompson took a leading part in community affairs during his residence in Franklin county, serving as the first township clerk and afterward holding other positions of trust and responsibility. He was a gentleman of rare mental capacity and one who always stood in the front ranks for the best interests of the people of his locality. He loved Franklin county with a loyal affection and was always eager to do all that he could to better the condition of its citizens. Few men are more loyal to duty and few leave a cleaner life's record behind them.

George D. Thompson acquired his education in the district schools of Geneva township and began his independent career at the age of

twenty, when he went to South Dakota, where he engaged in breaking prairie land. He afterward walked to Yankton and thence went by rowboat down the Missouri river over five hundred miles into Nebraska, where he secured a position as a harvest hand. He worked his way north to Minnesota and thence returned home. In December of the same year he went to the timber section of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and went up in the woods eighty miles and worked until June and then came down and saw the big flood. He then went to St. Paul and down the river to Dubuque and then home for harvest. In the fall he drove a span of mules back to the woods and hauled logs through the winter, which proved to be a very hard one. He worked on Thorn Apple river about four miles from the Deitz' farm where the fight with the officeis occurred. Mr. Thompson drove logs on the Fisher in the spring and then went to St. Paul, Minnesota, whence he went to Farmington, Minnesota, and worked in the harvest and threshing. He went home in the fall and bought a span of horses, which he took up and sold, and then came back and bought another span and worked on the Flambeau, hauling supplies from Phillips, Price county, Wisconsin. In the spring he sold the horses and drove logs on Mud Brook. He then returned to Farmington and harvested and threshed again. In the fall he went home and bought five horses, which he drove up into the woods, where he sold three, hauling supplies with the remaining team until spring, when he sold this team also. He drove logs on the river and then went to North Dakota, where he harvested. He then returned home and remained there that winter, going to Nebraska with six horses in the spring. In 1887 he came to Franklin county from Nebraska, repeating this journey several times. He rented a farm in Nebraska during one of his stays there and operated this for six years, from 1888 to 1894. In the latter year he moved to Chapman but again returned to Franklin county, where he rented one hundred and sixty acres of his father's homestead, a property upon which he has since resided. He is a stock-raiser on an extensive scale, feeding and shipping three loads of cattle every year.

Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hays, a daughter of Henry W. and Mary (Lewis) Hays, natives of Lincolnshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of four children; Cleon Henry, who was born January 17, 1886, and who died October 24, 1887; Wilbur H., whose birth occurred November 4, 1888, and who is now a resident of Fernwood, Idaho; a son who died in infancy; and Orva McKinley, who was born June 9, 1893, and who is now residing in Wardner, Idaho.

Mr. Thompson is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic lodge. He gives his political allegiance to the progressive party, has served six years as township trustee and is now town clerk. He is a man of many excellent qualities of character, and his industry, integrity and ability have brought him a gratifying degree of success.

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### HEZEKIAH C. CLOCK.

Hezekiah C. Clock, who in partnership with his two sons operates a large general merchandise store in Geneva, is numbered among the early settlers in Franklin county, having come here in 1861. He was born in Painesville, Ohio, July 24, 1839, and is a son of Ebenezer and Lucinda (Jarvis) Clock, natives of Long Island. The father died in Ohio in 1847, and the mother passed away in Illinois. To their union were born eight children: Alonzo, of Geneva; Jarvis, who died in Franklin county; Edward L., of Geneva; Hezekiah C., of this review; Charles L., of Redlands, California, formerly county auditor and county treasurer of Franklin county; Henry A., of Long Beach, California; and Sarah Ann and Nancy, both of whom died in childhood. Henry A. was for thirty years a resident of Franklin county and with his brother Charles founded the town of Latimer. He served as county treasurer for four years.

When Hezekiah C. Clock was nine years of age he was bound out as an apprentice and continued in service until 1853, when he moved to Illinois. Four years later he came to Franklin county, but shortly afterward returned to Illinois where he spent six months. About 1859 he came again to Franklin county and engaged in teaching school here for one winter. He enlisted in Company C, Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being mustered into service June 24, 1861. He served for three years and then reenlisted at Scottsboro, Alabama, January 1, 1864. He went with his regiment to Jonesboro and from there was sent to a hospital at Lookout Mountain. He was discharged as captain of his company in February, 1865, and returned to Iowa, where he has since resided.

Mr. Clock formed a partnership with his brother Edward L. in 1865 and together they operated a mercantile establishment in Maysville until 1870, when he purchased his brother's interest and removed to Geneva. There he erected a store and conducted it until the building was destroyed by fire in 1896. This he replaced by a fine





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steel and frame structure in 1897 and here has since engaged in business, having his two sons in partnership with him. They carry a full line of general merchandise and in the course of years have built up a large and representative patronage, for they have steadily adhered to straightforward and honorable business methods.

In May, 1865, Mr. Clock was united in marriage to Miss Emily J. Roberts, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in November, 1899. By that union he had the following children: Claude J., employed in the auditor's office of the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Bloomington, Illinois; Doris Le Verne, a resident of Geneva, Iowa; Laura, deceased; Earle R., of Grinnell, where he is engaged in manufacturing; Ernest E., of Hampton; Sherwood A., represented on another page of this volume; Oakley J., also a resident of Geneva; and Mabel, who died in infancy. Mr. Clock has also an adopted daughter, Irene, who assists in the store. In 1904 he was again married, his second wife being Miss Amanda B. Harris, a native of Painesville, Ohio.

Mr. Clock is a member of the Grand Army post at Geneva and belongs to the Masonic chapter at Hampton. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served with credit and ability as postmaster of Geneva for over fifteen years, being the first postmaster there. He has lived in Franklin county for almost fifty years and during that period has become known as a man of energy, honesty and enterprise, who has made his individual success a factor in the promotion of general progress.

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### JOHN GULDBERG.

John Guldberg is one of the younger generation of successful agriculturists of Morgan township, Franklin county. He is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Cedar Falls, October 31, 1882. His parents were Hans and Carrie (Nelson) Guldberg, natives of Denmark, the former coming to America as a young man. He located at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and remained there for a short time but then returned to his native land, where he made his home for two years. He again crossed the Atlantic, and coming back to Cedar Falls, made that city his home for about seven years. At the end of that period he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Morgan township, Franklin county, and there he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural labors. He passed away,

a highly esteemed citizen and successful agriculturist on March 29, 1911. His wife still lives on the home farm. They were the parents of ten children: Peter, deceased; Anna, who married L. Stenjem, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Albert, of Davenport, Iowa; Sophia, who married F. H. Rodemeyer, of Redmond, Oregon; Emanuel, of Thornton, Iowa; John, of this review; George, of Wallace, South Dakota; Marie, who married Sigrid Anker, of Seattle, Washington; Matilda, the wife of A. F. Iverson, of Popejoy; and Clara, at home.

John Guldberg was reared under parental care and attended school in this state. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father with the work of the home farm and since the death of the latter has taken charge of this place. He has since made a number of valuable improvements, and his land is in a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Guldberg is not yet married and his mother looks after his household affairs. Politically he is a republican, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is an energetic, serious-minded young man of good qualities of character and pleasant in manner. He has many friends in his neighborhood, who esteem him highly and who consider it an honor to call him friend.

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#### A. H. RUST.

A. H. Rust, who has lived in Franklin county for the past three decades, now resides on sections 13 and 24, Richland township, and owns one of the best equipped farms within the borders of the county. He devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits, and his holdings embrace five hundred and seventy acres of productive land in Ross and Richland townships. His birth occurred in Germany on the 16th of November, 1854, his parents being H. A. and Altye (Lulling) Rust, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of H. A. Rust, Jr., brother of our subject.

A. H. Rust was eleven years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, the family home being established in Stephenson county, Illinois. His education was largely acquired in the schools of his native land. At the early age of twelve he began working by the month as a farm hand and his father received his earnings until he had attained his majority. In December, 1882, he was married, and January 1, 1883, he came to Franklin county, Iowa, having

a few months before purchased a slightly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township. The further development and cultivation of that property claimed his time and energies for a number of years, and there he carried on farming until 1900, when he purchased his present place in Richland township, which at that time had but few improvements. He has replaced the old structures by modern and substantial buildings, and the farm is now one of the best equipped and most attractive in the county, boasting a commodious residence and barns and also an evergreen grove. His holdings comprise five hundred and seventy acres of land in Ross and Richland township and in the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a gratifying and richly merited measure of prosperity.

On the 12th of December, 1882, in Illinois, Mr. Rust was united in marriage to Miss Christina Lubbers, a native of Germany, by whom he has seven children: Heike A.; Henry L.; Albert G.; Joseph; Altye M.; and Orville and Arthur, twins. All are still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Rust is a stanch republican. He has done valuable service for the cause of education as a school director, was formerly president of the board and now acts as secretary of the Richland township school board. He and his wife and children are devoted and consistent members of the Baptist church at Sheffield. One son, Henry L., is an ordained minister of the Baptist church and has served as pastor at Rockwell, Iowa, for the past five years. He is attending college at Des Moines. Mr. Rust is widely known here, and his substantial qualities of manhood and of character have gained for him an enviable position in the regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

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#### FREDERICK D. DOHRMANN.

Frederick D. Dohrmann, engaged in general farming and stock-raising on one hundred and twenty acres of land in Marion township, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 28, 1867. He is a son of George H. and Louisa (Mueller) Dohrmann, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1870 and located in Du Page county, Illinois. There the mother died October 12, 1872, and four years later the father came with his family to Franklin county, Iowa, locating in Marion township, where he now resides, having reached the

age of eighty-six years. He and his wife had five children: A. H., a resident of Marion township; C. F., of Dodge county, Minnesota; Sophia, the wife of Louis Jacobs, of Alexander, Iowa; Frederick D., of this review; and Louis, who died in infancy.

Frederick D. Dohrmann came to Franklin county with his father in 1876 and remained upon the homestead until he was twenty-two years of age. He then rented one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Marion township, from his father, and after operating this property for four years purchased it. He has erected a fine modern nine-room home upon it and has provided it with substantial barns and outbuildings and also modern machinery. His general farming and stock-raising interests have increased yearly and have reached extensive proportions at the present time.

On the 10th of July, 1891, Mr. Dohrmann was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Vahlsgaard, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, whose parents reside in Butler county. Mr. and Mrs. Dohrmann have become the parents of five children. Arnold, deceased; Frieda; Amanda; Emil; and Louisa.

Mr. Dohrmann is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the progressive party, serving at the present time as a member of the school board of Latimer. He is well known in Marion township, where practically his entire life has been spent and where he is held in high honor and esteem by reason of his genuine personal worth.

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#### GEORGE S. YAW.

George S. Yaw, a successful and representative citizen of Franklin county, has resided within its borders for nearly three decades and during that entire period has devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising, owning a valuable tract of land embracing one hundred and four acres on section 6, Scott township. For the past seven years he has also been engaged in the butcher business at Alexander and in this connection enjoys a gratifying and extensive patronage. His birth occurred in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 3d of February, 1867, his parents being Harvey C. and Mary E. (Smith) Yaw, the former a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the latter of Galena, Illinois. The maternal grandparents of our subject came to America from Scotland, first settling in New York and subsequently in Galena, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Yaw

followed their son George to Franklin county, Iowa, and have since remained respected and substantial residents of the community, now living in a comfortable home at Alexander. Their children are as follows: Albert E., born August 12, 1865, who conducts a hardware store in Alexander and is the second oldest business man of the town; George S., of this review; W. H., a resident of Scott township, this county; Mrs. Charles Hanson, living in Scott township; Mrs. E. J. Vanness, of Algona, Iowa; and Minnie, who lives with her parents in Alexander. All the above named are natives of Lafayette county, Wisconsin. Albert E. and George S. Yaw were the first members of the family to come to this county, the others arriving here later.

It was in 1886, when nineteen years of age, that George S. Yaw came to Franklin county, locating on a farm in Scott township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully since, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devoting considerable attention to stock-raising. His property comprises one hundred and four acres on section 6, Scott township, and is well improved in every particular. On the 10th of December, 1907, Mr. Yaw embarked in business as a butcher of Alexander and has there conducted an establishment of that character to the present time with gratifying and well merited success. His undertakings as an agriculturist and merchant demand his entire time and have been carried forward so diligently and ably that he has long been numbered among the prosperous and esteemed citizens of the community.

On the 31st of January, 1888, Mr. Yaw was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Thomas, who was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of September, 1871, and was there reared and educated. Her father, James Thomas, spent his entire life in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, being born on the 26th of December, 1843, and passing away in October, 1907. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen (Phillips) Thomas, who was born in that county on the 17th of August, 1845, died in Alexander, Iowa, on the 15th of January, 1911. Five of their children grew to maturity, namely: Mrs. Clara Yaw, who was born on the 11th of October, 1867, and resides in Alexander; Mrs. Nellie Yaw; Mrs. Charles Brown, of Platteville, Wisconsin; Arthur, a resident of Alexander; and Mrs. Eugene Nichols, deceased. All were born in Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. George S. Yaw have been born four children, as follows: Mrs. Bertha Rodemeyer, whose birth occurred on the 27th of September, 1891, and who is now a resident of Alexander; Bessie, who was born December

12, 1894, and resides with her parents; Verne, who has passed away; and Albert, who was born April 5, 1903, and is attending school in Alexander. The children of this family were all born in Scott township.

Mr. Yaw gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of township assessor for eight years, while for seven years he was a member of the town council. He belongs to the Business Men's Association of Des Moines and is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors of Alexander. He is interested in all that pertains to general progress and improvement and is a public-spirited citizen and reliable business man, while his friends esteem him for his genuine personal worth.

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### JOHN THIES.

John Thies, who has been a resident of Franklin county since 1874, is numbered among the progressive and representative farmers of Grant township, where he owns five hundred and sixty acres of improved land. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, December 18, 1861, and is a son of Fred and Louisa (Deaker) Thies, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was still a boy and learned the tailor's trade, which he afterwards followed for a number of years, later turning his attention to farming. He died in Illinois in 1865, while his wife, who long survived him, was called to her final rest on the 25th of June, 1902. They became the parents of eight children, of whom three are still living: Fred, of Lyon county, Iowa; John, of this review; and Charles, of Iowa Falls.

John Thies was a youth of thirteen when in 1874 he came to Franklin county with his widowed mother, who purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grant township. There he grew to manhood, assisting in the work of the fields until twenty-four years of age, when he purchased eighty acres of his mother's farm, this tract being the nucleus of his later extensive holdings. He possessed a thorough knowledge of farming and by dint of close application and perseverance won almost immediate success in his undertakings as an agriculturist. Progressive, practical and ambitious, he has carried on his farming interest along scientific lines and has achieved a well merited measure of prosperity, being now one of the largest landowners in the vicinity. He has five hundred and



MR. AND MRS. JOHN THIES



sixty acres of improved land on sections 11, 15, 16, 23 and 21, Grant township, and his farming and stock-raising interests have grown every year more extensive and important.

On the 17th of November, 1885, Mr. Thies married Miss Henrietta Haupt, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Fred Carl and Hedwig (Helmcker) Haupt, both of whom were born in Germany. Emigrating to the United States, they first located in Pennsylvania and in 1860 came to Franklin county, Iowa, and settled in Osceola township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of five children, three of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Fred, who resides on the old home-  
stead; Mary Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Ernest Brocka, of Butler county, Iowa; and Mrs. Henrietta Thies.

Mr. and Mrs. Thies have become the parents of nine children, namely: Louise H., the wife of John Lehmann, of Grant township; John F., who in October, 1913, wedded Emma Burmaster and now resides in Grant township; Henry A.; Fred W.; Ernest M.; Henrietta M. E.; George C.; Lena A. E.; and Frank Theodore, who died on the 15th of January, 1908.

Mr. Thies is an active member of the Emanuel Lutheran church of Grant township and has served as a trustee of the same for thirteen years. He is also serving as township trustee and the cause of education finds in him a capable and earnest supporter as a school director. During the years of his residence in Grant township he has been carried forward into important relations with agricultural interests and has won for himself an enviable position in both business and social circles. He is now a stockholder of the Bradford Savings Bank of Bradford, Iowa, which he helped to organize in 1906, the bank building being erected the following year.

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#### ALEXANDER D. GIBSON.

Alexander D. Gibson, living retired in Hansell, was born in Pennsylvania, January 27, 1846, a son of Alexander and Jane (Hammond) Gibson, both of whom passed away in the Keystone state. Seven children were born to them: Margaret, a resident of Pennsylvania; George, deceased; William; Joseph and Maria, who have passed away; Robert, of Rockwell; and Alexander D., of this review.

Alexander D. Gibson was reared in his native state, acquiring a public-school education. On the 20th of October, 1863, he enlisted

in Battery C, Independent Light Artillery, under the command of Captain Thompson, and he served for two years in the Civil war, taking part in various engagements, including the battle of the Wilderness. He received his honorable discharge June 30, 1865, and returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1869. In that year he moved west to Illinois and in 1872 came to Iowa, locating in Ingham township, Franklin county, where he engaged in general farming until 1892. He then located in Hansell and turned his attention to the mercantile business, continuing in this line of work for four years. At the end of that time he retired from active life and has since resided in a comfortable home in the city. He owns in addition two hundred and forty acres in Ingham township.

On the 7th of November, 1867, Mr. Gibson married Miss Catherine Hartman, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of four children: Curtis H., deceased; Joseph E., of Hampton; Ora May, the wife of C. H. Hansell, of Hastings, Nebraska; and Bert Ray, deceased.

Mr. Gibson is a member of the United Brethren church and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He has been school director and has held a number of other township offices, serving creditably and ably in positions of trust and responsibility. He is well known in Hansell as a man of integrity and enterprise and his present period of leisure is well deserved, having been won through a long season of honest and successful labor.

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#### BENJAMIN F. BLAKE.

Benjamin F. Blake, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Franklin county, was born on the property he now rents, on section 27, Osceola township, March 25, 1877. He is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Parker) Blake, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Canada. The father engaged in the meat business in Ackley during the early '70s and built up a large and profitable enterprise. He later added to his activities by following general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 27, Osceola township. He continued active in the conduct of his interests until his death, which occurred in 1895, his wife surviving him until 1909. To their union were born seven children: Molly, who married Charles M. C. Woodland of Redfield, South Dakota; Gertrude, the wife of W. F. Jacob of Ackley; Benjamin F., of this

review; James, of Ackley; Richard T., a resident of California; Joseph, of Ackley; and Walter, who resides in Montana.

Benjamin F. Blake was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools of Osceola township and in the Academy at Ackley. He took up his father's work after the latter's death and continued the same until the death of his mother, which occurred in February, 1909. He then worked for the estate for a year. In 1912 he rented the home farm, whereon he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising, specializing in the breeding of hogs and horses. He has met with excellent success and expects eventually to purchase the homestead. He is today one of the leading representatives of agricultural interests in his locality.

On the 28th of May, 1912, Mr. Blake married Miss Julia Barry, a native of Wright county, this state, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born June 16, 1913. Mr. Blake is a member of the Catholic church and holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. He is independent in his political views and served with credit and ability in the office of justice of the peace. He is not, however, active as an office seeker, for he prefers to concentrate his attention upon the conduct of his business interests which, under his able management, are becoming every day more extensive and important.

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#### FRANK C. BEED.

Frank C. Beed, engaging in general farming and stock-raising upon six hundred acres, of which two hundred and sixty acres in Ingham and Mott townships belong to him, is a native of this part of Iowa, born in Hampton, July 2, 1876. He is a son of Charles Beed, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

At the age of twenty Frank C. Beed turned his attention to farming and eventually purchased his present property, one hundred acres of which lie in Ingham township and one hundred and sixty acres in Mott township. Mr. Beed makes a specialty of raising registered Aberdeen Angus cattle and Poland China hogs and he has been very successful in these lines. He does a large business as a shipper and has gained a reputation as an expert judge of stock values, his opinions being regarded as sound and reliable. He was for some time secretary of the Farmers Elevator at Hansell and is a man of recognized business ability.

On the 21st of December, 1898, Mr. Beed was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Wirt, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of John A. and Minerva Wirt. Her father is a retired farmer living in Hampton. In his family were six children: Florence, the wife of W. W. Shroyer, of Hampton; Jessie M., deceased; Daisy, wife of the subject of this review; John, deceased; James, of Fresno, California; and Elsie, who married J. E. Welker, of Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Beed have a son, Frank Lyle, who was born March 24, 1905.

Mr. Beed is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife attend the Congregational church. He has lived in this part of Iowa during his entire life and has become widely and favorably known, for he is honorable in all business dealings and upright and straightforward in all the relations of life.

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### WILLIAM H. KOELL.

Probably no man is better known throughout Franklin county as a successful fruit grower than William H. Koell of Hampton, who during the entire period of his active life has been connected with this business and is now the owner of one of the finest fruit ranches in this section of the state. He was born in Hampton, May 15, 1876, and is a son of William G. and Catherina Koell, natives of Germany. The parents located in Clayton county after their arrival in America and moved from there to Franklin county in 1875. For thirty-three years the father engaged in fruit growing, becoming one of the leading representatives of this industry in the state. He has now retired from active life, making his home in Hampton. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Minnie, who married Eli Hersey, of Parkersburg, Iowa; William H., of this review; Emma, the wife of J. N. Johnson, of San Antonio, Texas; Christ, of Thompson Falls, Montana; and Anna, deceased. By a former marriage Mrs. Koell had a son, August H. Kruse, now a resident of Portland, Oregon.

William H. Koell was reared in Hampton and acquired his education in the public schools of the city. At the beginning of his active career he turned his attention to fruit growing and has since been connected with this occupation, his experience and ability being important factors in his present success. He has a large fruit farm

on South Maple street in Hampton and the extent of his business may be judged from the fact that during the first year he shipped sixteen hundred and forty boxes of assorted fruits and the first crop in the following year amounted to thirty-six hundred and fifty boxes. Mr. Koell raises strawberries, black raspberries, everbearing red raspberries, blackberries, currants, gooseberries, grapes, plums, apples and cherries, and in addition to the fruit sells the plants also, doing a large business in this line. He is greatly interested in the cultivation of the Americus everbearing strawberry, which he considers the most satisfactory strawberry grown both for market and home use.

On the 24th of April, 1901, Mr. Koell was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Peterson, and they have become the parents of two children: Everett, born August 2, 1902; and Onalee, born June 14, 1904. Mr. Koell is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is well known in Hampton, where his entire life has been spent and where his honorable business methods and straightforward character have gained him widespread esteem and confidence.

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### WILLIAM MENSING.

William Mensing, operating a fine farm of eighty acres on section 8, Marion township, was born in Du Page county, Illinois, July 15, 1885. His mother was twice married and had two children by her first union, namely, the subject of this review and his sister, Bertha, now the wife of Henry Norton of Cook county, Illinois. The mother afterward wedded Henry Block and had two children by this marriage: Harry, connected with the United States navy; and Edwin, of Cook county, Illinois.

When William Mensing was two years old he was adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Minnie Malvitz, of Du Page county, Illinois, and with her he made his home until he was thirteen years of age. He afterward worked on a farm belonging to his uncle for seven years and then, in 1906, came to Franklin county, Iowa, where he has since been connected with agricultural interests. In 1910 he bought eighty acres of land on section 8, Marion township, and this he has since operated, making it a productive and valuable property. He has risen to a high place in agricultural circles.

On the 12th of September, 1907, Mr. Mensing was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Schirmer, a native of Franklin county, and they have three children: Louis, who was born July 27, 1908; Hilda, born April 17, 1910; and Herbert, born March 20, 1912.

Mr. Mensing is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving as township assessor and school director and is interested in everything that pertains to the growth and advancement of the community. He is a young man of ambition, energy and enterprise and will undoubtedly be carried forward into important relations with agricultural interests of his locality.

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#### G. EVERETT VAN WERT.

G. Everett Van Wert, a representative of a well known family of Franklin county and now engaged in general farming upon the old Van Wert homestead on section 19, Ingham township, was born in Grundy county, this state, August 13, 1880. He is a son of Justus S. and Elizabeth (Rose) Van Wert, natives of New York, who came to Iowa in 1864 and located in Blackhawk county. From there they moved to Grundy and thence to Franklin county, locating in Mott township in 1888. The father engaged in farming here until his death, which occurred September 6, 1909. His wife survives him and resides upon the homestead. To them were born five children: Rose, the wife of G. C. Borchers, of Nora Springs, Iowa; Frank, deceased; G. Everett, of this review; Emma, the wife of W. H. Caldwell, of Ingham township; and Jessie, deceased. The Van Wert family has been in America since Revolutionary times and its present representatives are descended from the soldier of that name who was one of a party of three to capture Major Andre.

G. Everett Van Wert was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools of Mott township and in a seminary at Nora Springs. He has been connected with farming interests since he began his independent career and the results of his practical experience are seen in his intelligent management of the homestead of four hundred acres on section 19, Ingham township. He follows only the most modern and progressive methods in the development of this property, which he has made one of the finest and most productive in the township.

On the 25th of December, 1903, Mr. Van Wert was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Hansell, a daughter of Othello V. and Isabel (Stewart) Hansell, natives of Iowa, for whom the town of Hansell was named. Her father is now engaged in farming in South Dakota. In his family were five children: Mabel, wife of the subject of this review; Laura, who married M. A. Tucker of Hansell; George, of South Dakota; a son who died in infancy; and Gladys, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wert have become the parents of five children: Lela, who was born February 21, 1905; Mildred, born May 20, 1907; J. S., born January 2, 1910; and Bernice and Earl, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Van Wert is a member of the Church of Christ and he gives his political allegiance to the progressive party. He takes an intelligent interest in community advancement and is now serving in a creditable and able way as township assessor. He is one of the successful and progressive young agriculturists of the locality, and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in Franklin county.

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#### SHERWOOD A. CLOCK.

Sherwood A. Clock, engaged in the practice of law in Hampton, where he has made his home since 1905, has gained a large and representative clientage that has connected him with the most important litigation heard in the courts of the district during the past eight years. He was born in Geneva, Franklin county, Iowa, on the 2d of August, 1879, and is a son of Hezekiah C., and Emily J. (Roberts) Clock, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. The mother has passed away, but the father still resides in Geneva. He came to Iowa about 1860, settling at Maysville, where subsequently he removed to Old Chapin, there remaining until he went to Geneva, where he is now engaged in the merchandising business, being the oldest merchant in the county today. He has contributed largely to the commercial development and as a citizen his worth has never been questioned. He served on Governor Geir's staff and has otherwise been known in public connections, yet has always preferred to live a quiet life, concentrating his energies upon his business affairs. To him and his wife were born eight children: Claude J., in the auditor's office of the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Bloomington, Illinois; Laura, deceased; Doris Le Verne, living in Geneva;

Earle R., of Grinnell, where he is engaged in manufacturing; Ernest E., of Hampton; Sherwood A.; Oakley J., also a resident of Geneva; and Mabel, who died in infancy.

Sherwood A. Clock spent his youthful days under the parental roof and passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school student at Geneva, where he was graduated. Later he attended the high school at Bloomington, Illinois, and was graduated therefrom in 1899. Subsequently he entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he completed the law course with the class of 1903. He next went to Seattle, Washington, where he remained for two years, and in 1905 he came to Hampton, where he has since followed his profession. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country; for in the county of his nativity Mr. Clock has made continuous progress since starting upon the practice of law here and now has a good clientage.

On the 21st of November, 1902, Mr. Clock was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Nobles, a native of this county, and to them have been born two daughters, Helen May and Laura A. In his political views Mr. Clock has ever been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and for two terms he has capably and acceptably filled the office of county attorney. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge which indicates much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. He is prompted by laudable ambition in all that he undertakes in a professional way, and his advancement follows close study, careful preparation of his cases and clearness and logic in the presentation of his cause.

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#### H. A. RUST.

H. A. Rust, one of the successful agriculturists of Franklin county residing on section 19, Ross township, is the owner of four hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land in Ross and Richland townships. He is likewise well known in financial circles here as president of the Chapin Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Germany on the 31st of July, 1858, his parents being H. A. and Altye (Lulling) Rust, likewise natives of that country. In 1866 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling near Freeport, Stephenson county, Illinois, where H. A. Rust, Sr., devoted his at-

tention to general agricultural pursuits. In 1885 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a tract of one hundred and thirty acres on section 19, Ross township, which is now in possession of our subject. The small frame dwelling which stood on the place when it came into the father's possession is now used as a hen house. He improved the farm and operated the same with excellent results. His wife passed away thereon January 18, 1891, and he survived her for more than seventeen years, his demise occurring on the 11th of July, 1908. They were devoted and consistent members of the German Baptist church. H. A. Rust, Sr., had lived in Franklin county for almost a quarter of a century and had won many friends within its borders. To him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to George Van Gerpen, of Butler county, Iowa; Flora, who is the widow of Carl Schmidt and resides in Iowa Falls; Rye, who is the widow of Mene Bunger and makes her home in Kansas; Christina, the deceased wife of John Froning, of Richland township; Albert, who follows farming in Richland township; H. A., of this review; Alice, the wife of H. J. Merlien, of Parkersburg, Iowa; and Anna, who is the wife of H. E. Froning, of Chapin, Iowa.

H. A. Rust of this review, was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States and he was reared to manhood in Stephenson county, Illinois. He was a young man of twenty-seven years when he and his wife came to this county, and after the demise of his mother he purchased the old home farm in Ross township. As the years have passed and success has attended his undertakings, he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase until he now owns four hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Ross and Richland townships. His property is well improved in every particular, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous, enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the county. He was one of the organizers of the Chapin Savings Bank and now serves as the chief executive officer of the institution, ably promoting its growth and success.

While still in Illinois, Mr. Rust was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Froning, her father being Fred Froning, an early settler of Franklin county. They are the parents of eight children, namely: Allie, who is the wife of Walter Nolte, of Hampton, Iowa; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to Harry Baxter, of Richland township; Christine, a milliner residing at Latimer, Iowa; Lillie, the wife of Luther Fleener, of Indiana; Maud, the wife of

Arthur Holmes, a farmer of Richland township; and Clara, George W. and Edna, who are still under the parental roof.

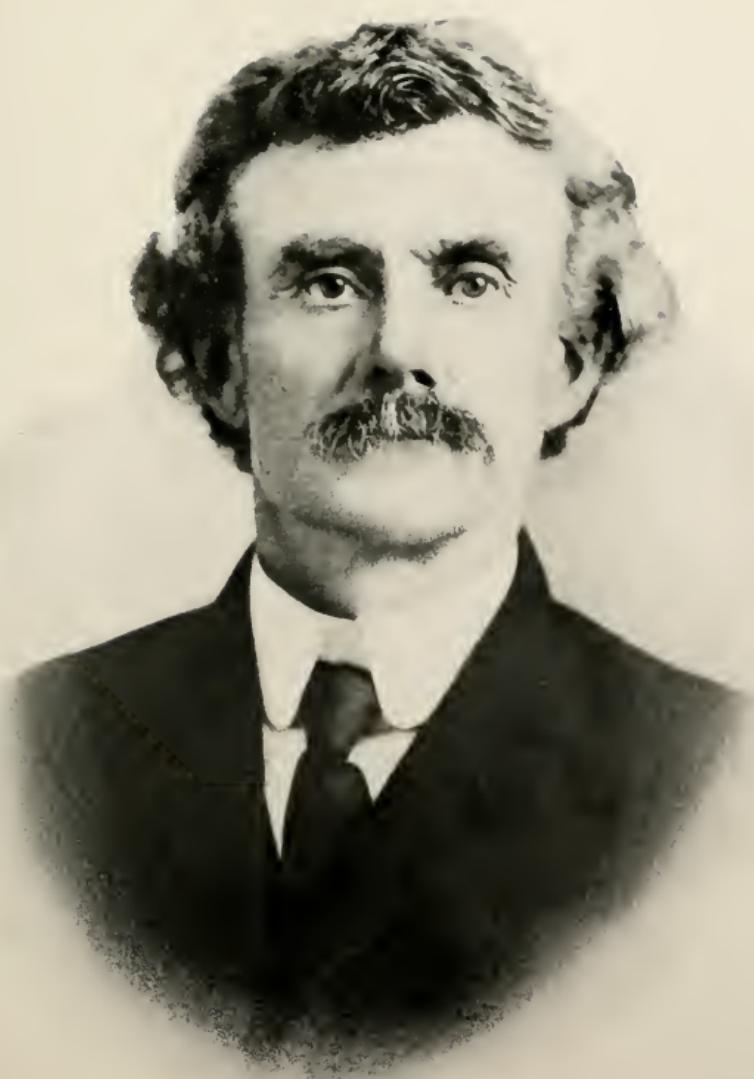
Mr. Rust gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as secretary of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church at Sheffield, to which his wife and children also belong. He stands high in business and social circles of this community, and his progressive spirit and the sterling qualities of his character have won him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### JOHN MOORE.

For a period of thirty-six years John Moore was connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and during that time contributed substantially to agricultural development and growth while winning an individual success which placed him among the representative and substantial farmers of his locality. His death, therefore, which occurred November 7, 1913, when he was sixty-three years of age, was widely and deeply regretted, being considered a distinct loss to agricultural interests. Mr. Moore was born in England, November 8, 1850, and was a son of John and Sarah (Hospital) Moore, also natives of England, where the father engaged in farming during his entire active life, dying in March, 1872. He had survived his wife several years, her death occurring in 1864. Sixteen children were born to their union, of whom two are still living: Eliza, the wife of Robert Cobble, of Dows, Wright county, Iowa; and Dennis, who resides in England.

John Moore acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and there remained until 1872. In that year he came to America and settled in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming on rented land for five years. In 1877 he came to Franklin county, this state, and located on section 2, Hamilton township, where he resided until his death. He bought first eighty acres of land and to this added from time to time, accumulating finally two hundred and eighty-five acres. He carried forward the work of improvement and development along practical lines and made the property at length a well equipped and highly cultivated farm. General farming and stock-raising commanded his attention, and he was especially interested in raising blooded cattle and hogs.



JOHN MOORE



On the 29th of March, 1880, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Cyrene Justus, a native of St. Clair county, Missouri, and a daughter of Isaac Justus, who was born in Pennsylvania, July 13, 1821. He came to Franklin county, Iowa, in 1857 but after a few months moved to Missouri, where he remained for about two years. At the end of that time he returned to Franklin county and located in Hampton, remaining until he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He was at the front for twenty-four months and was then discharged on account of disability. Following this he returned to Franklin county and engaged in farming and carpentering until his death, which occurred July 16, 1905. He and his wife became the parents of four children: Cyrene, who married John Moore, of this review; Mary, the wife of William Meyers, of Galena, Illinois; Mercy, deceased; and Hayes, of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of four children: Sarah, deceased; Della, the wife of John Brandt, of Hamilton township; Guy, of Lee township; and Opha Claire, at home. Mr. Moore was a member of the Methodist church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. He held a number of township offices and took a great interest in the advancement and growth of the community, where he was long numbered among the public-spirited and representative citizens. During his life he enjoyed an excellent reputation throughout the county for industry, honesty and good judgment, qualities which gained him the esteem and confidence of an extensive circle of friends.

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### FRED VAHLSING.

Fred Vahlsing has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county since 1889 and now owns eighty acres of land on section 10, Marion township, and also eighty on section 16. He was born in Germany, November 29, 1862, and is a son of Henry and Louisa (Meyers) Vahlsing, also natives of Germany. They came to America in 1866 and located in Cedar county, Iowa, where they spent six years. At the end of that time they removed to Butler county, where the mother died October 29, 1885, and where the father now resides. During the entire period of his active life he followed agricultural pursuits but for the last twenty years has lived retired. In his family were eight children: Minnie, the wife of

A. H. Dohrmann; Henry, of Seaside, Oregon; Fred, of this review; Dick, a resident of Butler county; Louis, whose home is in Oregon; Louisa, the wife of F. D. Dohrmann, of Marion township; Annie, who married William Debbin, of Floyd county, this state; and Lena, the wife of A. W. Ashworth, of Astoria, Oregon.

Fred Vahlsing remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then began farming independently in Butler county. At the end of one year he went west, settling in Lander, Wyoming, where he engaged in the cattle business in 1887 and 1888, during which period he made the acquaintance of Theodore Roosevelt. In the latter year he returned to Iowa and in 1889 took up farming in Franklin county, renting land for two years. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres of land but sold this after one year, purchasing another tract similar in extent on section 10, Marion township. He now has one hundred and sixty acres in the same township and has since engaged in general farming. He has improved the property in every respect, erecting substantial buildings and installing modern equipment.

On the 20th of December, 1892, Mr. Vahlsing married Miss Louisa Bruns and they have become the parents of six children: Matilda, born April 5, 1894; William, deceased; a son who died in infancy; Louisa, born December 14, 1899; Fred, born May 13, 1902; and another son who died in infancy.

Mr. Vahlsing is a member of the Evangelical church and is independent in his political views. His long residence here has made him widely known and his upright and honorable life has commended him to the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

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### JOHN LEHMANN.

Germany has given to America many industrious, energetic and enterprising citizens whose excellent characteristics have been important elements in the upbuilding and progress of the communities in which they have lived. Of this class is John Lehmann, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Franklin county, owning a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Grant township. He was born in Germany, December 27, 1878, and is a son of Andrew and Christina (Meyer) Lehmann, also natives of Germany, where the father still resides and where the mother passed away in 1884. To their union were born seven children, four of whom came

to America, as follows: Barbara, the wife of Andrew Weigold of Minnesota; Andrew, also of Minnesota; John, of this review; and Christ, deceased. After the death of his first wife the father married her sister, Mary Meyer, and they became the parents of six children, all of whom reside in Germany with the exception of Rose, who is the wife of J. Mittlestadt of Minnesota.

John Lehmann remained in his native country until he was fourteen years of age and then emigrated to America, coming direct to Franklin county, where he followed farming. Later he moved to Minnesota but at the end of four years returned to Franklin county and has since remained a resident of this part of Iowa. In 1910 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land on section 11, Grant township, and by his industry and careful management has made this one of the most productive and valuable properties in the locality. He has extensive farming and stock-raising interests and has met with most gratifying success in the conduct of his affairs.

On the 31st of May, 1906, Mr. Lehmann was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Henrietta Thies, and they have three children: John Christ Andrew, born March 19, 1907; Lena Rosa, born August 10, 1908; and Hilda Marie, whose birth occurred December 20, 1910. Mr. Lehmann is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His life has been active, useful and upright and his many excellent qualities of mind and character have gained him a wide circle of friends.

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### WILLIAM F. THIELKE.

William F. Thielke, engaged in general farming and stock-raising on one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 33, Osceola township, was born in Freeport, Illinois, October 2, 1861. He is a son of August and Dorothy (Richtsmeier) Thielke, natives of Germany, the latter born in Lippe Detmold. The parents came to America about the year 1852 and located in Freeport, Illinois, where they made their home for seventeen years thereafter. At the end of that time, in 1869, they moved to Ackley, Iowa, and the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 33, Osceola township. He died May 29, 1887, when almost seventy-eight years of age, and his wife passed away September 15, 1878, when she was fifty-eight years of age. They were members of the German Evangelical church. In their family were nine children:

August, residing in Hardin county; Henry, of Ackley, Hardin county; Herman, deceased; Amelia, the wife of Louis Hirth, of Franklin county; Mary, who married George Rudolph, of Osceola township; Carolina, the wife of H. C. Richtsmeier, of Hardin county; Minnie and Elizabeth, at home; and William F., of this review. The three oldest children were born in the city of Polle, Kreis Hameln, Hanover, Germany, and the others were all born in Freeport, Illinois.

William F. Thielke acquired his education in the public schools of Freeport, Illinois, and he came to Iowa with his parents in 1869. During his father's lifetime he aided in the operation of the home-stead and after his father's death inherited the farm, which he still operates. He gives his attention to general agricultural pursuits and also engages extensively in stock-raising and, being a progressive and farsighted business man, has met with gratifying success in the conduct of his interests. He is a member of the Evangelical church and in politics votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than parties. He is a man of high character and is held in great esteem in his community.

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#### DEWITT W. CLOCK.

Dewitt W. Clock, a well known and progressive agriculturist of Reeve township, is operating a farm near his birthplace, as he was born in Maysville, Franklin county, September 20, 1860, a son of E. L. Clock, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. The subject of this review was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools. He has given his entire active life to agricultural pursuits and is now an extensive landholder, owning one hundred and sixty acres on section 23 and two hundred and forty acres on sections 21 and 22, Reeve township. Upon this property he has made extensive improvements, erecting a good house and substantial barns and outbuildings, making his place second to none in the township.

Mr. Clock married Miss Nettie Green, who was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and who came to Franklin county in her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Clock have a son, Merle John. Mr. Clock is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving as township trustee and is interested in everything that pertains to community

welfare. Having resided in this township during his entire life, he has become widely and favorably known here, and his personal characteristics have gained him the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

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### OLE HANSEN.

Ole Hansen, cashier of the Coulter Savings Bank and well known in financial circles of Franklin county, was born in Denmark, May 4, 1857. He is a son of Hans and Mattie Christine Olesen, also natives of Denmark, who came to America in 1875 and located on a farm in Hamilton township, this county. The father died in 1907 and the mother has also passed away. To them were born three children: Carrie, the wife of Nels Peterson, of Coulter; Ole, of this review; and Hans P., of Hamilton township.

Ole Hansen came to America when he was a young man and at the age of twenty-three years established himself in mercantile business in Dows, Iowa. At the end of two years he located on a farm in Morgan township, Franklin county, and after operating this property for six years sold it and removed to Latimer, where he was engaged in the hardware and implement business. At the end of five years he bought a farm in Scott township, but sold this after one season and returned to Latimer, where he was for four years in the hardware business, later dealing in furniture and general merchandise. In 1902 a branch of the Citizens Bank of Hampton was established in Coulter and Mr. Hansen was connected with that institution for three years. At the end of that time the Coulter Savings Bank was organized and he was made cashier, a position he still holds. He has proven able and reliable and is regarded as an excellent financier, whose judgment is sound and whose sagacity is far-reaching.

On the 26th of June, 1879, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Annie C. Johansen, a native of Denmark, and they have become the parents of seven children: Theodore, a general merchant in Rowan, Iowa; Hans O., assistant cashier in the Coulter Savings Bank; John, at home; Martha, the wife of J. H. Numelin, of Coulter, manager of the Interstate Lumber Company; Thomas C.; Walter; and Agnes.

Mr. Hansen is a member of the Lutheran church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for one

term mayor of Coulter, giving to the city a progressive and straightforward administration. His business affairs are carefully conducted and his substantial worth makes him a valued citizen as well as a progressive business man.

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### ISAAC WENGER MYERS.

No tribute high enough can be paid to Isaac Wenger Myers, pioneer of Franklin county and one of its foremost citizens. A patriotic American and a true Christian gentleman, Mr. Myers has led a life that may well be called exemplary. His efforts have resulted in prosperity, and he has contributed toward progress and advancement in various walks of endeavor. Not only has he given much attention to the dairying industry, but he has been one of the foremost teachers of youth, has contributed toward the growth of Hampton by building operations and has done valuable and uplifting work in the spread of Christianity.

Isaac Wenger Myers, familiarly known as "I. W." was born in Waterloo county, Ontario, Canada, November 20, 1839. His parents were Pennsylvanians. His father's genealogy, as given in the old German family Bible, begins with Christian Meyer, of Springfield township, York county, Pennsylvania, who was born December 10, 1708, and died in 1779. He lies buried in the family cemetery on his own estate. His wife was Elizabeth Kauffman. The sketch given below is gleaned from the Myers family history, compiled by the Rev. A. J. Fretz, of Milton, New Jersey.

"Christian Meyer was a minister of the Gospel in the German Baptist Brethren church. Two of his sons, John and Andrew, became ministers of the same church, Andrew attaining to the office of bishop. Both were born on their father's estate, John in 1748, and Andrew in 1753. John was married to Barbara Kauffman and Andrew to Magdalena Keller. Each became owner of half the father's estate and both were buried in the family cemetery. The patent to John's part of the estate was made by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1811. His name in that indenture was given as John Myers. From this time on, three forms of spelling the family name were used, viz., Meyer, Myers and Meyers. John's son, born on the estate in 1778, was John Myers, second. He married Barbara Negley. The oldest son of this union was John Myers, third, father of I. W. Myers. He was born August 21, 1808, on the same



MR. AND MRS. ISAAC W. MYERS



estate. He left his father's home at the age of twenty-one and found work grading the railroad bed, then building from Baltimore to Ellicott's mill, the first railroad built in the United States. His next move was to Waterloo county, Ontario, Canada, arriving there in April, 1832. Here he was married to Mary Wenger, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who had preceded him to the province with her widowed mother. In 1834, he purchased the north half of lot No. 22 (one hundred and eighty acres) of the German Company tract in the township of Woolwich. Four years later he moved into the log house of this forest-hidden home (which became the birthplace of "I. W."), one mile east of Heidelberg. He had been one of Her Majesty's magistrates for several years, when, in 1841, he was elected a member of the council of the district of Wellington. He represented Woolwich township and the entire "Queen's Bush" territory to Lake Huron. Later, when county authority was established, he represented Woolwich in the county council till 1863. He had six sons and seven daughters. At his death, which occurred in 1883, his estate was valued at \$43,000. The stone residence which he built on his homestead, remains a monument to his rugged industry.

"On the mother's side of his ancestry, I. W. Myers appears, according to a history compiled by J. G. Wenger, of Rittman, Ohio, as one of the fifth generation of the descendants of Christian Wenger, who, when a young man, landed at Philadelphia in the ship Molley, on September 30, 1727, and located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He married Eve Grabiel. Their son, John Wenger, born in 1731, who married Anna Sherk, was I. W. Myers' great-grandfather, and John's son, Joseph Wenger, born in 1769, who married Elizabeth Zimmerman, was his grandfather. Joseph's daughter, Mary Wenger, born in 1814, was Mr. Myers' mother.

"Christian was a descendant of the Wengers who occupied the scenic 'Wenger Alps' in Switzerland, and who moved from there to the Palatinate, then to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the cause of each move being religious persecution."

I. W. Myers lived with his parents until eighteen years of age, working on the father's farm in the summer and attending district school during the winter. Early recognizing the value of an education, he began at the age of fourteen, a system of self culture as an evening pastime. Among the books used were Smith's Illustrated Astronomy, Kirkham's Grammar, Davie's Algebra and the Sacred Melodeon, which contributed largely to the beginning of his education. Mr. Myers organized and taught in his father's home even-

ing classes, composed of his brothers and sisters and the youth of the neighborhood. Twice his father permitted him to attend for a term the Galt Collegiate Institute, to prepare himself for the position of a common-school teacher. This career began at the age of eighteen in his home district, where he spent two years. He then became principal of the St. Jacobs (Ontario) school. At the close of a three-year term he went to Lena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, arriving there in January, 1864. In the fall of that year President Lincoln issued a call for three hundred thousand more volunteers and in many cases men of families enlisted to avoid the draft. It was at this time that I. W. Myers showed his true spirit by tearing up the papers which he brought from Canada and which proved him to be a British subject and hence would have exempted him from the draft. He enlisted from Jo Daviess county for one year, serving to the end of the war, as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, First Brigade, Second Division, the Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas. The chief work of the regiment was to clear northern Georgia of its guerrilla bands.

At the close of the Civil war Mr. Myers was taken sick with typhoid fever. He was treated in the Brigade Hospital, in the brick courthouse, at Calhoun, Georgia, and in a series of hospitals until he reached the United States Marine Hospital, at Chicago, from which he was honorably discharged, on August 3, 1865. His service entitled him to immediate citizenship.

During the following year he taught school where Stockton, Illinois, is now located, and the next year was principal of the Lena school, and in the following year, of the Davis (Illinois) school. While teaching at Lena he was married on October 28, 1866, to Miss Alice Francisco, a daughter of the late Charles Francisco, of McHenry county, Illinois.

It was in the fall of 1868 that Mr. Myers moved to Franklin county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on the east half of section 24, in Hamilton township. He broke the tract and farmed it successfully for ten years, teaching school during the winter months. At various times he held the office of assessor, township clerk and justice of the peace. He was also elected county superintendent of schools, serving a two-year term in that office while living on his farm. Later he was again chosen to the office and moved to Hampton, where he has ever since made his home. At the close of his term, January 1, 1880, he began the development of the creamery interests of the county. He built and operated the Hamp-

ton Creamery and at the urgent request of a leading Sheffield merchant, he built one in that town. Under similar conditions he built a creamery at Latimer and later another at Geneva. The scarcity of milk and cream often created hardships in the business. However, on the whole, his enterprises proved successful and returns were satisfactory. When milk became more plentiful, the wave of co-operative creameries swept over the country and with it were swept away Mr. Myers' establishments, his health and his prosperity. He was then fifty-six years of age. In the hope of regaining his health and beginning life over again, he spent part of his time for many years as traveling agent for W. B. Lunn's Sons, of New York city, and during this period he built the Myers block in 1901, and to this he added the corner building in 1912, so that the entire building now constitutes the corner block, occupying the entire front of lot 8, block 9, on North Reeve street, Hampton.

As soon as his health permitted, Mr. Myers returned to his favorite occupation. At the age of sixty-five he passed an examination and obtained a first-grade teacher's certificate, taking over a school in his old township. The following year he taught in Bradford and in the fall of 1908 was elected principal of the school at Earling, Iowa. After teaching for three years there the state granted him a life certificate, good anywhere in the state.

Mr. Myers is the possessor of the World's Fair medal, a diploma earned at the Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893 by his exhibits of dairy products. He keeps in touch with his comrades who participated in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union as a member of the Grand Army, and is now adjutant and past commander of J. W. McKenzie Post, No. 81, department of Iowa. He is also an ex-staff officer of the department. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hampton and takes a deep interest in all church affairs. Politically, he has ever been a republican but when the party rent itself in twain he followed the Roosevelt wing.

Alice (Francisco) Myers, the wife of I. W. Myers, was born July 30, 1845, at Woodstock, Illinois. Through her mother, Helen M. (Clark) Francisco, who was a great-granddaughter of Beaumont Clark, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, she is eligible to membership in the D. A. R. Society. She is active in the Woman's Relief Corps work, in church and missionary work and in other equally laudable efforts. She has been a life-long Sunday-school teacher. In early life she taught school and was so engaged at Lena and Davis, Illinois, with her husband, and also in Franklin county during the pioneer days.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers had seven children, all of whom are graduates of the Hampton high school, except Garfield, who died in infancy. Some are graduates of higher institutions. Alice Inez Myers was born August 28, 1868, at Warren, Illinois. She was married August 16, 1900, to Edwin Henry Bither, of Estherville, Iowa. Their son and only child is Harold Edwin Bither, born October 3, 1903. Orson Francisco Myers was born March 28, 1870, at Hampton, Iowa. He married August 3, 1898, Miss Helen L. Hickman, and their children are: Alice Virginia, born August 6, 1903; Irving Willis, born May 29, 1905; and Orson Frank, born September 24, 1912. John Percival Myers was born at Hampton, on July 23, 1872. He was married August 23, 1900, to Miss Lulu S. Krag. Irving Aaron Myers was born October 11, 1874, at Hampton. He was married March 23, 1910, at Bovey, Minnesota, to Miss Rosabelle May Carlson. Their children are Allen Percival and Earl Franklin, twins, born January 1, 1911; and Harry Irving, born September 25, 1912. Helen Marie Myers was born August 14, 1876, at Hampton. She was married on July 26, 1905, to Dr. Walter Smith Kyes. Their children are: Marjorie Vivian, born May 31, 1908, at Parker, South Dakota; and Frank Myers, born May 13, 1909, at the same place. Garfield Myers, born July 22, 1881, died July 21, 1882. Ruth Marian Myers, born September 24, 1883, at Hampton, Iowa, was married July 10, 1907, in this city, to Arthur H. Peterson, cashier of the State Savings Bank, at Mandan, North Dakota. Their children are: Margaret Ruth Peterson, born July 19, 1908; and Arthur H. Peterson, born November 18, 1912.

Mr. Myers has devoted practically his whole life to the education of the young, being still engaged in teaching at the age of seventy-four, and his efforts have been of great value to the district in which he has resided. His whole life has been one of devotion to his country. He has ever interested himself in the higher things of life and has aided in those efforts which make for a higher moral and intellectual plane. Along material lines he has contributed toward the establishment of that great industry—dairying—which is now the source of so much wealth in the middle west. In the Myers block he has given to Hampton one of its business structures which stamp it a modern and progressive city. In times of war he fought for the preservation of the Union and in times of peace he has helped to make the Union that American domicile of freedom which was the ideal of Washington when he tore loose from British oppression. Although born in Canada, Mr. Myers is a thorough American, for he has in this country found appreciation and that field of

labor in which he could be of greatest usefulness. His record is not one of gathering material wealth but one of riches in the hearts of his countrymen who appreciate in him a noble-minded, unselfish citizen. Both he and his wife are venerated by all who know them, and their monument of honor is the love which they receive on all sides. True contentment lies in a life well spent and such contentment must be Mr. and Mrs. Myers'.

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### GEORGE G. KAUS.

George G. Kaus, carrying on general farming upon one hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining the town of Latimer, was born in Wisconsin on the 3d of March, 1864. He is a son of Henry and Lena (Weizel) Kaus, the former of whom came to America when he was eight years of age and located in Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood. In 1869 he moved to Franklin county, Iowa, and bought a farm in Mott township, engaging in agricultural pursuits there until 1898, when he moved to Latimer, where he lived until his death, which occurred February 13, 1912. He had survived his wife since 1907. To their union were born seven children: K. H., of Hampton; George G., of this review; Fred, of Scott township; Lena, the wife of F. H. Dohrman; Henry C., of Baker, Minnesota; Phillip A., of Hampton, this state; and Lizzie, the wife of C. H. Ferst, of Norfolk, Nebraska.

George G. Kaus was five years of age when he came with his parents to Franklin county, and he grew up upon the homestead, residing with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age. At that time his father gave him a quarter section of land in Cerro Gordo county and he cultivated this for four years, after which he returned to Hamilton township, Franklin county, where he remained for five years. At the end of that time he moved into Latimer and became connected with business interests there as an implement dealer, following which he engaged in the drug business for three years and in the clothing business for two years and a half. Eventually he resumed his farming, buying one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the town of Latimer, and here he has since engaged in general farming. He has made substantial improvements upon the property, providing it with excellent buildings and modern equipment, and it is now one of the finest farms in his locality.

On the 11th of April, 1887, Mr. Kaus was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Rodemeyer, and to this union have been born three children, Clara, Arnold and Luella. Mr. Kaus is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. For many years he has been very active in public affairs, cooperating heartily in all measures and projects of community advancement and serving with credit and ability in various positions of trust and responsibility. He has been township trustee, was for two terms a member of the city council and has been mayor of Latimer for two terms, his official career reflecting credit upon his energy, enterprise and reliability. He is a man who through his own industry and enterprise has succeeded in the conduct of his farming interests and has gained an enviable reputation throughout the county.

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### WILLIAM H. HARRISON.

A valuable farm lying on section 17, Ingham township, is the property of William H. Harrison and its excellent condition is a visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift. He was born in Pennsylvania, April 19, 1866, and is a son of Charles and Anna J. (McKernan) Harrison, natives of Ireland. The parents came to America in 1852 and located in Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Butler county, Iowa, in 1868. In 1871 they came to Franklin county and located on a farm on section 17, Ingham township. Here both passed away, the father dying in 1900 and the mother in 1910. To their union were born three children: William H., of this review; Charles, a resident of Ingham; and R. M., of Hampton.

William H. Harrison was reared on his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools. When he was twenty-five years of age he rented the homestead and operated it until after his father's death, when the property was divided, William H. Harrison receiving as his share one hundred and sixty acres. He has since increased his acreage, now owning over two hundred acres, and upon the property has carried forward the work of cultivation along practical and progressive lines, making the farm one of the finest and best managed in this locality.

On the 25th of January, 1893, Mr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Etta Horner, a native of Franklin county, and they have become the parents of three children, Gale B., Kenneth W. and Lucile Irene.

Mr. Harrison is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political support to the republican party and has served as township assessor and trustee. He stands high in both business and social circles and well deserves mention as one of the representative agriculturists of Franklin county.

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### LEWIS D. COBLE.

A fine place of four hundred and sixty-three acres on section 33, Geneva township, is the property of Lewis D. Coble, and in its cultivation he follows always the most practical and modern methods, with the result that it is today one of the finest agricultural properties in his locality. He was born near Hampton, in this county, on the 19th of February, 1861, and is a son of Amandus and Emma (Schmidt) Coble, natives of Pennsylvania. The parents came to Iowa in 1859 and located on a farm near Hampton, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He is now living retired in Hampton, having survived his wife since October 14, 1898. Three children were born to their union: Robert, of Dows, Iowa; Lewis D., of this review; and Minnie, the wife of Frank Rutt, of Hampton.

Lewis D. Coble acquired his education in the public schools of Franklin county. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and since that time has been engaged in farming independently. He has become a large landholder, owning four hundred and sixty-three acres on section 33, Geneva township, known as the Walnut Grove Stock Farm. One hundred and thirty acres are planted in corn, one hundred and five in small grain and ninety acres in hay, all of this produce being used to feed the fine herds of registered shorthorn cattle which Mr. Coble makes a specialty of raising. The farm is provided with a one hundred and sixty ton silo and other substantial buildings and machinery is all of the most modern character. Nothing is ever neglected which would add to the attractiveness or value of the place, and the owner is widely known as a progressive and practical agriculturist.

On the 19th of November, 1882, Mr. Coble was united in marriage to Miss Ella Klump, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Lewis Klump, who was born in Germany, September 17, 1819. After he came to America he made his home in Allentown, Penn-

sylvania, and during the latter years of his life spent his summers in Iowa. He bought from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, four hundred and sixty-three acres in Geneva township, Franklin county, and this farm his son-in-law now operates. He was for many years in the bakery and confectionery business and also conducted a drug store for some time. He died in Allentown, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1889, and is survived by his wife, who has reached the advanced age of ninety-two. To their union were born five children: Charlotta A., deceased; Charles C., who is associated with his mother in the drug business in Allentown, Pennsylvania; Louisa K., the wife of Rev. W. K. Frick, who was the first English Lutheran minister in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and who has started four Lutheran churches there; Ella, wife of the subject of this review; and George L., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Coble became the parents of a daughter, Luella, the wife of Terry Grice, who is aiding in the operation of the Walnut Grove Stock Farm.

Mr. Coble and family are members of the Congregational church and he is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support is given to the republican party, and he has held various township offices, proving reliable and prompt in the discharge of his duties. He is interested in all that pertains to general progress and cooperates in many movements for the good of the community, being at all times a public-spirited and progressive citizen as well as a representative agriculturist and successful business man.

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#### JACOB J. SAILER.

Jacob J. Sailer owns three hundred and twelve acres of land on section 3, Grant township, one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Reeve township, and two hundred and forty acres in Geneva township, and in the cultivation of this property follows always the most progressive and practical methods, surrounding himself with a gratifying degree of prosperity. He has lived in Franklin county since 1882 but is a native of Germany. His birth occurred May 9, 1856, and he is a son of J. J. and Louisa Amelia (Off) Sailer, also natives of the fatherland. The parents came to America in 1885 and settled immediately in Franklin county, where they resided until their deaths. The father passed away in Osceola township September

14, 1913, and the mother December 28, 1910. Among their children were: Jacob J., of this review; Caroline, the wife of Thomas Sessler, of Osceola township; Charles, a resident of Germany; Fred, of Osceola; Louisa, the widow of G. Hofmeister; John, of Osceola township; and Paulina, the wife of Christ Sailer, of Osceola.

Jacob J. Sailer came to America in 1882 and settled immediately in Franklin county, Iowa, where he has since resided. Two years later he bought eighty acres in Osceola township and cultivated this until 1894, when he purchased three hundred and twelve acres on section 3, Grant township and one hundred and sixty in Reeve township. In 1894 he also purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Geneva township and later purchased eighty acres more in that township. He cultivated this until 1907. His farms have become under his able management among the most valuable in this vicinity.

On the 24th of January, 1888, Mr. Sailer was united in marriage to Miss Anna Marguerita Weiland, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of six children: Louisa, the wife of Louis Kreimeyer, of Geneva township; John H., Maria M., and John Jacob, at home; Charles F., deceased; and Caroline T., at home. Mr. Sailer is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving as township trustee and in the discharge of his official duties has been found capable, conscientious and trustworthy. Well known throughout Franklin county by reason of his long residence and the extent of his agricultural interests, Mr. Sailer is accounted one of the leading farmers of this part of the state and has the unqualified esteem and confidence of the entire community.

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### JOHN ENSLIN.

John Enslin owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 9, Osceola township, and in the ten years during which he has owned this property has made it one of the valuable farms in Franklin county. He was born in Germany, September 7, 1851, and is a son of Christian and Anna Maria (Ilg) Enslin, also natives of the fatherland, where both passed away. In their family were three children: Caroline, residing in Germany; John, of this review; and Marie, the wife of Charles Stürtz, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

John Enslin was reared in Germany and acquired his education in the public schools of that country. He there remained until 1903

and emigrated to America, settling immediately in Franklin county, Iowa. In the same year he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 9, Osceola township, and has since carried forward the work of improving and developing this property, providing it with substantial buildings and modern equipment. He engages in general farming and also raises and feeds stock, his interests along both lines being extensive and important.

On the 25th of September, 1879, Mr. Enslin was united in marriage to Miss Christiane Marie Mails, and they have become the parents of eight children: Henry, of Osceola; Ernest, of California; Marie, the wife of Albert Hofmeister, of California; August, also a resident of that state; and Martha, Herman Carl, Johannah and George, all at home. Mr. Enslin is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. During the ten years of his residence here he has become well known throughout this part of the county, and he enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### JOSEPH A. ATKINSON.

Joseph A. Atkinson is the owner of a valuable farm comprising one half section of land in Franklin county in addition to a commodious and attractive home which he occupies in Hampton. His has been a busy, active and useful life and now at the age of seventy-six years he well deserves the rest which he is enjoying. There are few men of his years who can claim Iowa as their native state, but he is a representative of one of the oldest families and is himself numbered among the honored pioneers of Iowa. His birth occurred in Dubuque, February 18, 1837, his parents being Archibald and Phyllis (Adams) Atkinson, both of whom were natives of England and were of Scotch descent. The father was a miner by occupation. He continued a resident of the land of hills and heather until 1835, when he crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world, settling in Dubuque. He died in Wisconsin and his wife spent her last days in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The family numbered eight children: John, now a resident of Hampton; Mary, the wife of John Hooper, whose home is in Minneapolis; Joseph A.; Belle, who is the widow of Milton Sanford, of Dubuque, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of Robert Gale, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Elizabeth, the wife





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of W. J. Johnson, a resident of Platteville, Wisconsin; Archie, who makes his home in Minneapolis; and Phyllis, the wife of Edward Beard of Britt, Iowa.

Joseph A. Atkinson is truly a self-made man, for he started out in life empty-handed and whatever success he has achieved is the logical outcome and merited reward of his own labors. In early youth he worked by the month on farms and in 1859, when but twenty-two years of age, he went to Colorado. Subsequently he spent some time in Montana, his attention being devoted to mining while in the west. In 1865 he returned to the Mississippi valley, settling in Grant county, Wisconsin, where he conducted a hotel for five years. He next purchased a half section of land in connection with his brother in the townships of Mott and Washington and eight years afterward purchased his brother's interest. He now owns a half section and the property is valuable and well improved. It brings to him a good financial return, enabling him to live retired and yet enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Since removing to Hampton he has purchased a fine residence on Franklin street and is there spending the evening of life in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

On the 25th of December, 1862, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Lukey, and they traveled life's journey happily together for almost twenty-seven years, when they were separated by the hand of death March 26, 1889, Mrs. Atkinson being called to the home beyond. In their family were two daughters and four sons: Eva D., who died in childhood; Jesse, a resident of Minneapolis; Elmer, who is living on the old home farm in Washington township; Archie, who occupies his father's farm in Mott township; Lottie, the wife of F. Bender, a resident farmer of Richland township; and Ralph, who died on the 19th of September, 1911. On the 3d of May, 1890, he married Mrs. Sarah Wilson, the widow of T. Wilson. She is of English descent, both of her parents, John and Ann (Jagger) Bastian, being natives of England. Mrs. Atkinson came to this country when two years of age, the family settling in Galena, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming. By her first marriage Mrs. Atkinson is the mother of three children: William Wilson, of Hampton, Iowa; Joseph Wilson, of Mason City, where he is employed in the fire department; and James Wilson, of Watertown, South Dakota, engaged in the automobile business.

In his political views Mr. Atkinson is a republican. He has served on the school board but has never sought political office.

Fraternally he is a Mason and Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias and is most loyal to the teachings of those different organizations and equally faithful as a member of the Methodist church. His life has been quietly passed, unmarked by any spectacular phases, but loyalty to duty and principle has established him high in public regard and gained for him the warm friendship of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### C. F. MANIFOLD.

Since March, 1880, C. F. Manifold has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and is today recognized as one of the most substantial and progressive farmers of this locality. He owns three hundred and twenty acres on sections 28 and 29, Hamilton township, and has made his home upon this property since 1895. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, March 4, 1863, and is a son of Sheppard and Lydia M. (Sears) Manifold, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. The father grew to manhood in Indiana. Both parents have passed away. They had eight children: William and Robert, both residents of Henry county, Indiana; Jehu, of Newcastle, Indiana; Nancy M., the wife of J. L. Koons, of Mason City, Iowa; J. H., of Hamilton township; C. F., of this review; Ulysses G., deceased; and Finley A., of Wright county, Iowa.

C. F. Manifold remained in Indiana until he was sixteen years of age and then moved to Geneva, Iowa, locating in this state in March, 1880. In 1895 he removed to Hamilton township, this county, and purchased two hundred and forty acres on sections 28 and 29. To this property he has since added from time to time and his holdings now comprise six hundred and forty acres all in Hamilton township. Upon this excellent property Mr. Manifold engages in general farming and is also interested to a great extent in feeding sheep and other stock, his interests along this line being of growing importance.

On the 31st of December, 1890, Mr. Manifold was united in marriage to Miss Etta March, a native of Wisconsin and one of the early residents of Geneva township. She is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Howsley) March, natives of England, the former of whom came to America as a young man. He settled in Geneva township, Franklin county, March 1, 1877, and there died February

21, 1911. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, five of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Elizabeth J., who has passed away; Mary H., the wife of James A. Dovey, of Ingham township; Thomas E., a resident of Geneva township; Etta, wife of the subject of this review; and Emma, who married T. D. Jones, of Hamilton township.

Mr. Manifold gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is interested in the growth and welfare of the community where he has resided for many years and where he is held in high esteem as a progressive and representative citizen.

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### JOHN ERICKSON.

John Erickson is one of that hardy band of Swedish pioneers who came to this country in search of opportunity and found a successful field of labor in agricultural pursuits. He now owns a valuable farm in Morgan township, Franklin county, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Sweden, November 2, 1845, and is a son of Erick and Carrie Erickson, both of whom passed away in their native land. They were the parents of seven children: John P., deceased; Carrie, who has also passed away; Erick, of Franklin county; a daughter who died in childhood; John, our subject; and Johannah and Carolina, both of whom have passed away.

John Erickson acquired a limited education in his native land, for at the early age of fourteen he began to earn his own living, engaging in mining. When twenty-three years of age he went to Illinois, remaining one year, and then removed to Michigan, which state he made his home for five years. At the end of that period he came to Franklin county and, having carefully saved his earnings, was enabled to buy eighty acres of land on section 8, Morgan township. He sold this later and then acquired title to eighty acres on section 4. Diligently applying himself to the task at hand, he acquired the means to add to his holdings, buying at one time eighty acres within the same section and at another time forty acres on section 10. His farm now comprises two hundred acres and there he is successful in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He has made a number of excellent improvements upon the land and his buildings are in good repair. His fields are under a high state of cultivation and yield him bountiful harvests.

On February 9, 1878, Mr. Erickson married Miss Christina Larson and to them were born eleven children: Ada, the wife of E. Oleson; Iva, who married Carl Erickson, of Dows; Lillie, the wife of Jesse Hagen, of Morgan township; Pearl, who married Adolph Swanson, of Des Moines; Mabel, the wife of Wayne Cooper, of Morgan township; Ione, the wife of W. H. Korth, also of Morgan township; Walter J., Milford Theodore and Edna, at home; Gladys, deceased; and Maud, also at home.

Mr. Erickson is a representative agriculturist of the middle west, ambitious, energetic and successful. He is a republican and votes for the candidates of his party. He interests himself in the cause of education and for some time was school director of his district. He holds membership in the Free Mission church. Mr. Erickson stands high in the confidence and regard of his friends and neighbors.

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#### DIETRICH MENSING.

Dietrich Mensing is well known in Franklin county as an extensive stock feeder and shipper. He owns one hundred and sixty-three acres of excellent land on section 7, Marion township, and through his intelligent cultivation of this property has made it one of the valuable farms of the locality. He was born in Germany, March 1, 1869, and is a son of Dietrich and Wilhelmina (Dohrman) Mensing, also natives of Germany, who came to America in 1887. They resided in Cook county, Illinois, for three years, and then moved to Franklin county, Iowa, locating on section 7, Marion township. Both have passed away. To them were born four children: Dietrich, of this review; Fred, of Mott township; Henry, a missionary in Australia; and Louisa, who married John Schnable, of Marion township.

Dietrich Mensing came with his parents to Franklin county and he has lived upon the home farm in Marion township since that time. In 1897 he bought the property, which comprises one hundred and sixty-three acres on section 7, and here he engages in general farming, specializing in the breeding of blooded percheron horses. He is a stock feeder and shipper on an extensive scale and is recognized as an expert judge of stock values.

On the 10th of February, 1898, Mr. Mensing was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Hoffmeier, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of five children, Herman, Lydia,

Theodore, Hubert and Victor. Mr. Mensing is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs, serving for several years as school director. He is widely known throughout the county as a representative citizen and commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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### THOMAS E. MCCOY.

Since 1883 Thomas E. McCoy has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and since 1899 has lived upon his present farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 35, Hamilton township. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 17, 1862, and is a son of William I. and Ruth (McClellan) McCoy, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They removed to Indiana and thence to Wisconsin, where the father passed away. To them were born six children: James, deceased; John, of Minnesota; Thomas E., of this review; Nelson, of Wisconsin; Belle and Mary, deceased.

Thomas E. McCoy came to Franklin county in 1883 and turned his attention to farming here. In 1888 he bought one hundred and fifty-one acres of land and improved and operated this farm until 1899, when he disposed of it. Two years previously he had bought two hundred and forty acres on section 35, Hamilton township. When he sold his first farm he removed to Iowa Falls, but later to this property, where he has since resided. His farm is in excellent condition, reflecting the many years of intelligent care and labor which he has bestowed upon it.

Mr. McCoy married Miss Lucilla Stockdale, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Thomas and Katherine (Hamilton) Stockdale, pioneers of Hamilton township. Her father was born in Ireland in 1833 and emigrated to America in 1851, making his home for three years in New York state, where he engaged in farming. From there he removed to Wisconsin and in 1859 came to Franklin county, Iowa. In politics he was a republican. He was twice married, his first wife being Katherine Hamilton, who died in 1877, leaving four children, Stewart, Charles, Lucilla and Aaron. His second wife was Caroline Killious, by whom he had six children, Fred, Maggie, Arthur, Clinton, Edith and Vera. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have two children, twins, Willis and Wiltsey, born in 1898.

Mr. McCoy is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is interested in the development of the county, where he has lived for thirty years, and his influence has been a tangible force for good in the community.

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### JOHN FRASER.

John Fraser, living retired in Bradford after many years of close and successful connection with agricultural interests of Franklin county, was born in Wisconsin on the 11th of March, 1849. He is a son of John W. and Jane M. (McIntyre) Fraser, natives of New York, of Scotch ancestry. They came to Iowa in 1870 and located on a farm on section 1, Lee township, whereon the father resided until his death, which occurred October 5, 1886. His wife survived him many years, dying September 7, 1903. To their union were born eight children: William, who has passed away; James K., of Big Bend, Wisconsin; John, the subject of this review; Mary Jane, the wife of P. L. Loss; Belle, at home; Allan and Joseph, deceased; and Eleanor, at home.

John Fraser came to Iowa with his parents in 1870 and since that time he has been a resident of Franklin county. During his father's lifetime he aided in the operation of the homestead and afterward came into possession of the property. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Lee township for many years, winning a gratifying personal success and also contributing in substantial measure to general growth and progress. He has sold his eighty acres of the homestead and has moved into Bradford, where he lives retired.

On the 24th of November, 1875, Mr. Fraser was united in marriage to Miss Mahala E. Mason, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Thomas and Mahala (Puckett) Mason, natives of North Carolina. In their family were nine children: Nathan and Giley, deceased; Elwood, a resident of Missouri; Clarinda, deceased; Isam, of Nebraska; James, who died during the Civil war; Talitha, the wife of George W. Ganfield, of Minnesota; Mahala E., the wife of the subject of this review; and a daughter, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser became the parents of five children: Mabel, who died in infancy; Arthur, a resident of North Dakota; Donald, of Franklin county; Winnifred, residing in Hardin county; and



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Violet E., the wife of Lee Miller, of Franklin county. Donald married Miss Mabel Miller, and they have three children: Ronald, born November 22, 1907; Pearl, born December 6, 1909; and Steril, born May 26, 1913. Mrs. Fraser is a member of the Christian church, and Mr. Fraser gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as supervisor and as a member of the school board and in matters of citizenship has been found always helpful and progressive, eager to cooperate in measures of advancement or reform. By a life which has been straightforward and honorable in all its relations he has won the confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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### PHILLIP F. SAILER.

Phillip F. Sailer is one of the prosperous farmers and business men of Franklin county. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 3, Osceola township, whereon he successfully engages in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Germany, May 4, 1864, and is a son of John Jacob and Louise (Off) Sailer, natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1885 and settled immediately in Franklin county, where the father died September 14, 1913, and the mother December 29, 1910. In their family were eleven children, of whom the following survive: John Jacob, of Grant township; Carolina, the wife of Thomas Sesler, of Osceola township; Charles, a resident of Germany; Fred, of Osceola township; Louisa, the widow of G. Hofmeister; John, a resident of Osceola township; Paulina, the wife of Christ Sailer, of Osceola township; and Phillip F., of this review.

Phillip F. Sailer came to America with his parents in 1885. He was reared at home and during his entire active life has been engaged in farming. In 1894 he and his brother purchased a homestead of three hundred and twenty acres which they divided, Phillip F. Sailer receiving one hundred and twenty acres. This land is located on section 3, Osceola township and under Mr. Sailer's able management has become a productive and valuable property equipped with substantial buildings and modern machinery.

On the 27th of April, 1896, Mr. Sailer was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Beecker and they became the parents of five children: August Frederick, Wilhelm Hermann, Clara Luise and

Anna Wilhelmine, at home; and Emma, who has passed away. Mr. Sailer is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man who, through enterprise and honesty, has acquired an excellent reputation in his community.

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### PETER MILLER.

Peter Miller, who since 1892 has been connected in an influential way with farming interests of Franklin county and whose enterprise has contributed much toward the agricultural development of the community, was born in Denmark, March 9, 1852, a son of Mogens and Karen Marie (Beck) Miller, also natives of that country. The parents came to America in 1883 and located in Grundy county, Iowa, whence they moved to Franklin county in 1886, locating in Morgan township. The father afterward purchased land in section 10, Hamilton township, and upon that property passed away on the 14th of March, 1910. The mother died July 2, 1909. They had celebrated both their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries upon their homestead in Hamilton township. To their union were born five children: Jens, of Withee, Wisconsin; Peter, of this review; Frederick, deceased; Ann Elizabeth; and Ann Elizabeth, second of the name, both of whom have passed away.

Peter Miller remained in his native country until 1871 and then crossed the Atlantic to America, landing in New York on November 28th of that year. For four years afterward he engaged in carpentering there, after which he moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, and first rented a farm for five years and later purchased land in the vicinity of the city, following farming there for ten years. In 1892 he moved to Franklin county and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 10, Hamilton township. To this he has since added another one hundred and twenty acre tract on section 11 and upon this fine property carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle. He has an excellent set of buildings upon the place, including a modern silo, and the entire farm is in excellent condition, showing the care and supervision of an able agriculturist. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Miller is president of the Hamilton Creamery Company of Coulter and has held this position with credit and ability for the past twenty years.

On March 8, 1877, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Kirsten Jensen, a native of Denmark, who died July 11, 1913. To their union were born eleven children: Frederick, deceased; Jens, principal of a school in Bruno, Minnesota; Karen, who married Andrew Jorgensen, of Hamilton township; Mette, who married Peter Lund, of Hamilton township; Dagmar, engaged in teaching in Franklin county; Anna and Benjamin, at home; Esther, teaching in the public schools of Franklin county; Ida, who is also engaged in teaching; and Ruth and Ezra, at home. Mr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is a man who takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the community, and he commands the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

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#### EDWARD IVERSON.

Edward Iverson, who was born in Norway, May 5, 1858, now owns a valuable farm in Morgan township, Franklin county, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is a son of Erick Iverson, who is more extensively mentioned in connection with Ole Iverson.

Edward Iverson at the age of ten years had to depend upon his own resources. Thus it is the more commendable that he has succeeded and attained prosperity. In 1885 Mr. Iverson acquired title to one hundred and sixty acres on sections 26 and 27, Morgan township, and he has added since two hundred and forty acres to this farm, now owning four hundred acres of valuable land. His is one of the best improved farms in the section. Mr. Iverson is up-to-date and modern in his methods, and his success must be largely ascribed to the good judgment which he has used in the cultivation of his land. He has put up a number of substantial farm buildings and also has erected a silo of two hundred tons capacity. In addition to his farming he engages to a considerable extent in stock-raising and derives a gratifying income from both sources.

On April 28, 1885, Mr. Iverson married Miss Andrina Iverson, who was born in Green county, Wisconsin, and who is an adopted daughter of A. O. Sime. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson have four children, all yet at home: Amos Julius, Martha Annette, Elmer Theodore and Alma Rosetta. They also have taken care of a boy whom they reared, Elmer Arendt.

Mr. Iverson is interested in public affairs and has served as township trustee and school director. He is a member of the Lutheran church and in politics is a republican. He is one of the leading farmers of Morgan township and has contributed toward raising agricultural standards here. He is greatly admired for his sturdy qualities of character and has many friends.

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### OLIVER FRYSLIE.

Oliver Frysli is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and ten acres on section 7, Oakland township, Franklin county. There he engages in general farming and stock-raising. His farm is noted for its fine improvements and Mr. Frysli has achieved a reputation as a modern agriculturist who successfully follows the best approved methods. He was born in Green county, Wisconsin, May 6, 1858, and is a son of Ole E. and Julia (Knutsen) Frysli, natives of Norway. They came to America in the early '40s and located in Green county, Wisconsin. About 1876 they came to Franklin county, making settlement in Oakland township. The father died on November 25, 1899, and the mother when our subject was but six years of age. They had three children: Oliver; Andrew, of Dows; and Julia, who married Hans Hanson, of Dows. The father after the demise of his first wife married Ellen Nelson, who is now making her home at Fort Dodge, Iowa. To this union were born the following children: Josephine Matilda, deceased wife of Ed Evans of Wright county; Bertha Maria, wife of Oscar Sime; Nim, of Oregon; Carrie, the widow of Fred Hoppe, of Hampton; Edward, of Burdette, Iowa; Albertine, deceased; Oscar, of Britton, South Dakota; Lena, the widow of Martin Losland, of Fort Dodge; Louise, who is married; Luella and Laura, of Fort Dodge; Frank, of Oakland township; Ida, of Fort Dodge; and two who died in infancy.

Oliver Frysli remained with his father until he reached his twenty-first birthday. Becoming the owner of a team of horses, he then rented land and, breaking prairie, brought his rented tract under cultivation. Gradually he acquired the means which enabled him in 1892 to buy two hundred and ten acres on section 7, Oakland township, which he now farms. He is very prosperous in his undertakings and gives much attention to stock-raising. He has made numerous valuable improvements, and his buildings are in excel-



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lent repair. The family home is two stories in height, acetylene lighted and modern in all its appointments.

On January 18, 1880, Mr. Frysliie married Miss Alice Hanson, a daughter of Ole and Mary Hanson, natives of Norway, who in 1869 made their way to Wisconsin. In that state they remained five years and then came to Oakland township, Franklin county. Both are deceased. They had seven children: Helena G., deceased; Andrew, of Belmond, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Ole L. Oleson, of Oakland township; Carrie, who married Ole W. Oleson, of Morgan township, this county; Alice, the wife of our subject; and two sons who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Frysliie became the parents of four children: Martha Julia, who married L. A. Anderson; Louis Raymond, at home; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Frysliie is a republican and has ever stanchly voted for the candidates of that party. He is interested in matters of education and for some time has been a school director. His religion is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Frysliie is an enterprising man and has contributed by his labor toward agricultural standards in Franklin county. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and such success as has come to him is well merited.

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### GEORGE GOPPINGER.

George Goppinger, who has lived retired in Sheffield for the past ten years, came to this county forty-four years ago and underwent all the experiences and hardships of the pioneer agriculturist. Today he owns six hundred acres of rich and productive land in Ross township and an attractive and commodious town residence. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, on the 31st of December, 1855, his parents being Joseph and Frances Goppinger, who passed away in that country when our subject had been in the United States for ten or twelve years. Both died when seventy years of age.

George Goppinger acquired his education in the common schools of his native land. Early in life he became imbued with the desire to see America and determined that as soon as old enough he would set sail for the new world. He worked at the shoemaker's trade until he had saved enough money to pay his passage and in August, 1869, emigrated to the United States. He reached Milwaukee, Wisconsin, without funds and was obliged to borrow two dollars in order to get to Sheboygan, spending the winter at work in the lumber woods.

The year 1870 witnessed his arrival in Franklin county, Iowa. He bought a team at sheriff's sale, gave a mortgage on the horses and worked on the old Iowa Central Railway, now the Minneapolis & St. Louis, which was being built through Sheffield, while later he was employed on the railroad in Minnesota. In the spring of 1871 he came to Sheffield and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land in Ross township for seven dollars an acre. He erected a shanty, eight by ten feet, and for ten years farmed and kept bachelor's hall. This was still a pioneer district and the hardships of its early settlers were numerous. During certain seasons of the year, when the region was largely a swamp, Mr. Goppinger's primitive little dwelling was often extremely uncomfortable because of invading water and dampness. He was obliged to sell his team of horses in order to purchase lumber for a house and used a span of oxen in his farm work. He bought a plow for two dollars and fifty cents and during the first year had not even a wagon. The farm machinery of those days he could not afford, as a Marsh harvester sold for three hundred and twenty-five dollars and the McCormick self-rake for one hundred and sixty dollars, while a four-foot mower cost one hundred dollars. Unable to give security for a pair of boots, he went barefooted all summer and often worked for twenty-five cents a day. In 1880 he was married and built a new house twelve by fourteen feet. The furniture comprised a homemade bedstead, a table and bench. For five years Mr. Goppinger had no "Sunday" clothes. However, he was long-headed enough to realize that land here would eventually become valuable and therefore worked industriously, earnestly and untiringly until he was enabled to add to his original purchase. Today he owns six hundred acres of excellent farming land in Ross township and a substantial residence in Sheffield, where he has lived retired for the past ten years, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

In 1880, Mr. Goppinger was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Ormrod, who was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on the 24th of May, 1857, and is a sister of Mrs. S. H. Holmes. They have two daughters: Elizabeth Frances, the wife of H. H. Storck, who resides on the farm of his father-in-law; and Lulu, the wife of A. F. Storck, who lives on his father's farm east of Sheffield. Mr. and Mrs. Goppinger have one grandchild, Georgearl, born August 16, 1913, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Storck.

Mr. Goppinger is independent in his political views and has always declined to accept office, preferring to devote his attention to his private business interests. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man, and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the representative citizens of Franklin county.

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### ANDREW BENSON.

Andrew Benson is one of those sturdy sons of the Norseland who, like the vikings of old, crossed the ocean to the western hemisphere in search of large opportunities. He has found what he sought and today is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of highly improved farm land on section 23, Oakland township. He was born in Norway, December 5, 1854, a son of Anton and Alice (Oleva) Benson. They were also natives of the land of the midnight sun and came to America about 1877, locating in Wisconsin. There the parents lived until their deaths. They had eleven children: Hans C.; Bertha; Cever and Caroline, deceased; Andrew; Martha, the wife of John Bruhn, of Wisconsin; Christian, of Wisconsin; Lilly, who is married and lives in Wisconsin; and three who died in infancy.

Andrew Benson passed his youth in his native land and his beginnings in this country were humble. However, at the age of twenty-seven years he was able to start out independently, renting eighty acres of land. In 1884, when thirty years of age, he came to Franklin county, locating in Hamilton township, where he cultivated leased land for four years. He then bought two hundred and forty acres on section 23, Oakland township, which he now owns, being engaged in general farming and also giving considerable attention to stock-raising. His buildings are kept in good repair and the most modern machinery can be found upon his place. The appearance of his place indicates the prosperity of the owner and his land is in a good state of cultivation.

On the 17th of March, 1880, Mr. Benson married Miss Caroline Munson, a native of Wisconsin, born of Norwegian parents. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have three children: Melissa, the wife of Thomas Hanson, of Reinbeck, Iowa; Alvin, at home; and Kallum, deceased.

Mr. Benson has always interested himself in township affairs and has given demonstration of his public spirit by accepting a number of township offices, which he satisfactorily filled. For two terms he has been township trustee and also has been road supervisor and a member of the school board and has taken a deep interest in the cause of education. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which he gives his moral and material support. Mrs. Benson passed away on March 20, 1900, deeply mourned by the family and a number of devoted friends. She found her last resting place in Otis Grove cemetery. Mr. Benson has achieved success on account of the high qualities of manhood which have ever guided his life. He left his native land with the idea of achieving independence and he has succeeded in the quest.

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### FRED BRUNS.

Fred Bruns, who owns and operates two hundred acres of excellent land on section 24, Marion township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, May 16, 1866. He is a son of Henry and Philopena (Gusewelle) Bruns, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1865 and located in Cook county, Illinois. In 1878 they removed to Franklin county, this state, where the father engaged in farming until he retired from active life. He now makes his home with the subject of this review, having survived his wife since November 4, 1894. Six children were born to them: Sophie, deceased; Fred, of this review; Herman; Louisa, the wife of Fred Vahleing, of Marion township; Lena, twin sister of Louisa, deceased; and August, also deceased.

Fred Bruns came to Franklin county with his parents in 1878 and he grew to manhood on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-nine he assumed charge of the homestead which he has since purchased. He now owns two hundred acres of land on section 24, Marion township, and has improved it with excellent buildings and modern equipment, making it one of the model farms of the locality.

On the 19th of April, 1895, Mr. Bruns married Miss Lena Dohrman, a daughter of D. and Sophia Dohrman. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns are the parents of six children: Ida, whose birth occurred June 16, 1897; William H., who was born July 3, 1898; Anna, whose birth occurred December 27, 1901; Fred H., born June 4, 1905; Eddie, born January 15, 1909; and Meta, born September 5, 1912.

Mr. Bruns is a member of the Evangelical church and a republican in his political beliefs. He stands high in business and social circles and his long residence here has made him well known throughout the county.

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### FRED PLAGGE.

Fred Plagge, a practical and representative agriculturist of Franklin county, owning and operating seven hundred and twenty acres of choice land in Marion township, was born in Hanover, Germany, June 23, 1864. He is a son of Fred and Louisa Plagge, also natives of Germany, both of whom have passed away.

Fred Plagge was reared in his native country, acquiring his education in the public schools. In 1887 he came to America and settled in Franklin county, Iowa, where in 1890 he purchased land. He bought one hundred and sixty acres in Marion township and to this has since added from time to time until he owns seven hundred and twenty acres. This farm is highly improved and in excellent condition, showing the results of the care and labor its owner has bestowed upon it.

Mr. Plagge has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Louisa Dohrman, by whom he had three children: Emma and Louis, at home; and Ida, deceased. On the 3d of March, 1899, Mr. Plagge wedded Miss Lena Marz, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of eight children: Martin, who has passed away; and Emil, Fred, Walter, Metta, Esther, Wilbert and Clarence, all at home.

Mr. Plagge is a member of the Evangelical church and a republican in his political views. As a resident of Marion township for twenty-three years he has been loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and has made some substantial contributions to its development and progress.

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### JOHN HOMER WAGNER.

John Homer Wagner, engaged in general farming upon a quarter section of land in Osceola township, was born on a farm on section 9, this township, and is a son of Isaiah and Sarah Wagner, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. He

was reared at home and from an early age became familiar with the best methods of farm operation. When he was twenty-one he rented eighty acres of land on section 9, Osceola township, and he has since increased this to a quarter section. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and has a fine herd of registered Holstein cattle. His interests are all carefully and capably managed and they have brought him a gratifying measure of success.

On the 8th of October, 1902, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Le Valley, a native of Butler county, and to them have been born two children: Theodore Glenn, whose birth occurred February 18, 1905; and Robert Russell, born October 16, 1908.

Mr. Wagner is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. As a native son of Franklin county he has been loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and has made some substantial contributions to its development and progress.

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#### DELOS W. MOTT.

Delos W. Mott ranked with the pioneer settlers of Iowa and with the most progressive citizens whose activity and enterprise have been the chief factors in bringing about the upbuilding and present prosperity of the state. From the time of his arrival here until his death he was engaged in commercial and agricultural pursuits, and such was his force of character and undaunted enterprise that he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.

Mr. Mott was a son of Jonathan and Charlotte (Crumb) Mott, the latter a daughter of John W. Crumb. Her death occurred April 15, 1848, and for his second wife Jonathan Mott chose Elinda Colburn, who died in 1882. There were four sons of the first marriage and Delos W., the second in order of birth, was born in Otsego county, New York, November 11, 1832. He attended the district schools and also spent one year in the Maysville Academy. He engaged in teaching in Ellery, Chautauqua county, New York, and also in a high school in South New Berlin, New York, where he remained until 1853. He afterward taught in Columbus, Chenango county, and went to Indiana for a short time. After a visit home he returned to Indiana, and in 1856 he started for Iowa, making his way partly on foot and partly by stage to Fort Dodge. He walked



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altogether more than two hundred miles to Iowa Falls, meeting with many hardships and privations but persevering until his purpose was accomplished. In 1863 he and his brother, Albert Mott, embarked in the grain business and later became active factors in the cattle trade. In 1865, in company with two others, they started by steamboat upon a trip to sell merchandise, visiting points along and near the river. In this way was laid the foundation for the prosperity that afterward attended Delos W. Mott, Sr., and his brother. They had many narrow escapes from being raided by the guerrilla bands. During most of their trips Mrs. Mott accompanied her husband and had many thrilling experiences to recount later on. The business of the two brothers increased and at one time they were the owners of three stores, one at Caroline Ledge, one at Leota Ledge and a third at Lake Washington. They also became extensively engaged in cotton planting in 1868. Subsequently they returned to Iowa and bought land, owning large tracts at one time and becoming leading farmers of their section of the state. Mr. Mott belonged to that practical and progressive type of men who embody the spirit of advancement in all that they undertake. He was interested in the progress that should be made in the farming communities and for two terms he acted as a trustee of the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa. His life was, indeed, a busy, useful and active one. He came to Franklin county in 1856, but after a short stay went to Cedar Falls, where he remained for thirteen years, when, in 1869, he again came to Franklin county, taking up his permanent abode here. He was in the eightieth year of his age when death called him, for his birth occurred on the 11th of November, 1832, and he passed away in Hampton on the 29th of November, 1911. For eighteen years he had survived his wife, who died July 12, 1893. It was on the 12th of June, 1859, that they were married. Mrs. Mott was a daughter of H. P. Jones, of New Haven, Connecticut, who was proprietor of a hotel in that city but afterward came to the middle west, settling at Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he occupied the position of principal of the schools. Mrs. Mott returned to Cedar Falls and there Delos Wells Mott was born October 18, 1868. The only daughter of the family died in infancy. Mrs. Mott was a remarkable woman, possessing many splendid traits of character, her good qualities of heart and mind endearing her to all with whom she was brought in contact. She died on the 12th of July, 1893, and in 1895 Mr. Mott wedded Harriet Ankeny, of Polk county, who survives.

Delos Wells Mott, the only son of Delos W. Mott, Sr., is one of the extensive landowners of Franklin county, his holdings embrac-

ing two thousand acres. He resides in Hampton and from that point superintends his investments and farming interests. Iowa numbers him among her native sons and classes him with those citizens of whom she has every reason to be proud. He was born in Cedar Falls on the 18th of October, 1868. He entered the public schools at the usual age and therein pursued his education until 1886, when, at the age of seventeen years, he became a student in Ames College, which he attended for one term. The greater part of his training, however, was of the practical character, received under the direction of his father, whom he always assisted in the work and management of the farm until the father retired from active business life. Delos Wells Mott married about that time and took charge of the farm of forty-two hundred acres. He is now the owner of two thousand acres of valuable land in Franklin county—land which returns to him a most gratifying annual income. He purchased the fine home of Senator Harriman and is now most pleasantly located in Hampton, his attention being given to the supervision of his invested interests.

On the 26th of November, 1899, Mr. Mott was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kelly, a native of Scotland, and unto them has been born a son, Delos, who is the pride and life of the household. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church, and theirs is a hospitable home, whose good cheer is largely enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Mott belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and has many friends in that organization as well as in other relations of life. He is a native son of Iowa, possessing the enterprising spirit characteristic of the middle west, and in all of his business affairs he brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by earnest, persistent and honorable effort.

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#### PETER MADSON.

Peter Madson, connected with mercantile interests of Coulter as a dealer in implements and automobiles, was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, February 27, 1878. He is a son of Soren and Marie (Knudsen) Madson, natives of Denmark, who came to America in 1868. They came to Franklin county, this state, in 1883, and located in Hamilton township, where the father engaged in farming for many years. He afterward removed to Montana, where he now resides, having survived his wife since 1905. To their union

were born four children: Peter, of this review; Marie, who married J. Oleson, of Montana; Celia, the wife of J. Olesen, of Eugene, Oregon; and Carl, of the same city.

Peter Madson supplemented his public-school education by one year in college at Elkhorn, Iowa. After he laid aside his books he turned his attention to farming and in 1901 purchased two hundred acres of land in Hamilton township which he sold after his return from Oregon, having spent some time in that state and North Dakota. In 1910 he came to Coulter and here established himself in the implement and automobile business, in which he has since continued. He has a fine modern store, forty-eight by eighty feet in dimensions, and controls a large patronage, for his business methods are upright and honorable and his prices reasonable. He owns in addition a comfortable home in Coulter and a one hundred and sixty acre farm in Hampton township.

On the 4th of April, 1900, Mr. Madson married Miss Minnie Hansen, a daughter of Jense Hansen, and to them have been born four children: Anita, Gilberta, Leon and Vera. Mr. Madson is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political support to the republican party. He has served as township clerk and school director and has proven capable and reliable in positions of public trust and responsibility. He is one of the progressive and able men of Coulter and through his ability and energy has acquired a high standing in commercial circles.

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#### GEORGE H. ALLEN.

George H. Allen, a progressive and practical agriculturist of Ingham township, was born in that part of Franklin county, April 27, 1885, a son of J. K. and Christiana (Hanawalt) Allen, natives of Pennsylvania. The parents came to this county in 1877, locating on section 35, Ingham township. The mother died while on a visit to California, January 10, 1911, but the father still resides in Ingham township. To them were born twelve children: William H., of Ingham township; Mary C., the wife of William Albright, of Grundy county, Iowa; Joseph R., of Geneva township; Samuel F., of Hotchkiss, Colorado; Harvey W., residing on the old homestead; John and Rebecca, deceased; Anna M.; Hattie E., who married Ezra Burn, of Ingham township; George H., of this review; Frank K., of Ingham township; and a daughter who died in infancy.

George H. Allen acquired his education in the district schools and after laying aside his books taught school for one year. He then turned his attention to farming on his father's homestead and this property he has since managed. He has eighty acres under cultivation and has improved the farm in every particular, making it a valuable and productive property.

On January 1, 1908, Mr. Allen married Miss Bertha E. Delp, a native of Iowa, and they have two children: G. Earl, who was born May 11, 1909; and Ralph K., born July 24, 1911.

Mr. Allen is independent in his political views and particularly interested in school affairs, serving at the present time as secretary of the school board. He has lived in Ingham township from his birth to the present time and his upright and honorable life has merited the warm and lasting regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### JENS H. NUMELIN.

Jens H. Numelin, who since 1910 has been connected with the Interstate Lumber Company of Coulter as manager, was born in Denmark, June 11, 1880. He is a son of Jens and Marie (Windelow) Numelin, also natives of Denmark, where their deaths occurred. In their family were the following children: Jensina and Agnes, of Denmark; Wilhemina and Johannah, deceased; Regina and Marius, of Denmark; Jens H., of this review; and Hans Peter, also of Denmark.

Jens H. Numelin acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and when he laid aside his books learned the shoemaker's trade. Afterward, however, he turned his attention to the hotel business. In 1899 he came to America and settled in Franklin county, this state, where he engaged in merchandising until 1910, when he was made manager of the Interstate Lumber Company at Coulter. This responsible position he still holds and he discharges its duties in a way which reflects credit upon his industry, enterprise and business discrimination.

On the 30th of September, 1903, Mr. Numelin was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hanson, and they have become the parents of four children: Walter, Helen, Arnold and Esther. Mr. Numelin is a member of the Lutheran church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving in a capable man-

ner as a member of the school board. He is a young man of energy, ambition and enterprise and he will undoubtedly be carried forward into still more important relations with business interests of the community.

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### WILLIAM C. RICE.

For over forty years William C. Rice has been a resident of Franklin county, having come here in 1870. In early days he made his living as a hunter when wild animals were still plentiful and he is now a successful apiarist. He was born in Indiana, January 6, 1838, and is a son of Nicholas and Delilah (Samuels) Rice. The father, a boat builder by trade, moved to Knox county, Illinois, in 1838, and came to Iowa in 1851, locating in Hardin county, where he built the first sawmill. When he settled in that county there were only five other families in the neighborhood. He passed the rest of his life there, and his wife died in Cherokee county. They were the parents of ten children: Jacob K., of Port Angeles, Washington; Jonathan, deceased; Henry Harrison, also deceased; James N., of Cherokee county; William C.; Marilda S., the widow of W. B. Fail, of Kansas; Catherine and Emma, deceased; Clementine T., the widow of Charles Marx, of Lemon Cove, California; and N. John, also of Lemon Cove, that state.

William C. Rice was reared under the parental roof and acquired such an education as the early schools provided. At the age of seventeen he worked in a sawmill his father owned and for seven years followed that occupation in Hardin county. After his marriage he turned his attention to farming, buying in 1862 eighty acres of land near Ackley, at the rate of six dollars per acre, and remained there for about three years. He greatly improved this property, selling three years later at twenty-five dollars per acre. He then removed to Ackley, where at that time the Illinois Central Railroad was in course of construction. Mr. Rice had been quite successful as a hunter in those days, shooting elk and other wild animals. He shipped these to New York, having a contract with a firm in that city. As a game collector he also trapped and caught buffalo, cranes, wild geese, beaver, swan and antelope. Mr. Rice was for many years a hunter and disposed of his animals at an advantageous price in eastern markets. He captured more wolves than any other man in his section, receiving a

bounty for his efforts, and he estimates the number of these animals that he killed at over three thousand.

In 1870 Mr. Rice came to Franklin county, locating at Oakland Valley, and there he has since made his home. He has given much attention to bee culture and has derived a gratifying income from this source. He owns one block and two lots in Oakland and is also the possessor of twenty acres of valuable timber and farm land.

On September 25, 1856, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Barnum, a relative of P. T. Barnum, and a daughter of Jabez and Anna L. (Goodsell) Barnum, natives of New York. Mrs. Rice, at the age of seventeen, taught the first school held at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Her father was one of the pioneers of Hardin county, having entered land there in 1854. Both parents passed away in that county. They had the following children: Abraham G., Joseph S. and Olive, deceased; a son and a daughter who died in infancy; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of our subject; and Cordelia, Emory E., Anna and Lura, all deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rice had ten children: Frank M., of Popejoy; Rosetta, deceased; Burton B., of Nebraska; Irene M., of Cedar Falls; Iva L., who married F. C. Holmes, of Iowa Falls; Myrta D., the wife of L. B. Patterson, of Des Moines, Iowa; Daisy M., at home, who is a teacher in the Waterloo schools; Blanche R., also a teacher, and the widow of T. W. Christopher, at home; Loretta V., of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. Rice is one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of this section. Although he has passed his seventy-sixth birthday, he is still hale and hearty and takes interest in all affairs that affect his township, county, state or nation. In his political faith he is a progressive republican and for two terms has served as township assessor of Oakland township, performing his duties in a highly satisfactory manner. He has the full confidence of his friends and neighbors, who know him to be a man of good character and a public-spirited citizen.

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### WILL L. LUKE.

Will L. Luke, cashier of the Bradford Savings Bank, was born in Galena, Illinois, September 9, 1880. He is a son of Captain John W. and Sarah (Yerington) Luke, the former a native of New York and the latter of Michigan. They came to Iowa in 1882 and located

near Hampton, where the father engaged in the practice of law until his death, December 21, 1895. His wife survives him and makes her home in Hampton. To their union were born nine children: Frank, a resident of Hampton; John Y., an attorney of Ames, Iowa; Walter B., of Hampton; Hattie, who married F. E. Webb of the same city; Minnie, the wife of S. E. Campbell, of Hampton; Charles L., a resident of Winterset, Iowa; W. L., of this review; Fred P., of Canyon, Texas; and Andrew H., of Hampton.

W. L. Luke acquired his education in the public schools of Hampton, graduating from the high school in 1899. He was afterward associated with Mr. Boehmler in the shoe business for nine years and following this served for four years as deputy county auditor. In 1911 he made an entire change in his active interests, accepting the position as cashier in the Bradford Savings Bank. This he has filled with credit and ability since that time. He has gained a high place in financial circles of this locality and holds the confidence and esteem of his superiors and associates.

On the 4th of February, 1906, Mr. Luke was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Richards and both are well known in social circles of Franklin county. Mr. Luke is a member of the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in matters of citizenship is helpful and progressive, cooperating in many projects for community advancement. Although still a young man, he occupies a responsible and important position, and he will undoubtedly be carried forward by the force of his ability and ambition into still more important relations with financial interests of the locality.

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#### HENRY WITTE.

Henry Witte, who since 1906 has owned and operated a fine farm of eighty acres on section 10, Mott township, was born in Germany, November 7, 1872. He is a son of Henry and Sophia (Hermann) Witte, also natives of Germany, where the mother passed away in May, 1904, and where the father still resides. They became the parents of eight children: Henry, of this review; Minnie, the wife of William Fink, of Franklin county; Fred, of Latimer; William, of Germany; Herman, also of Latimer; Sophia, the wife of

William Meyer, of Latimer; August, of Hampton; and a child who died in infancy.

Henry Witte remained at home until he was sixteen years of age and then came to America, settling in Franklin county, Iowa, where he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade. In 1906 he abandoned that occupation and began farming, buying eighty acres of land on section 10, Mott township. He has built a modern residence upon this property and substantial barns and outbuildings and has striven in every way possible to make the farm productive and valuable. He follows always the most practical and progressive methods and has been very successful in the conduct of his interests.

On the 15th of November, 1905, Mr. Witte was united in marriage to Miss Clara Fink, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Fink, natives of Germany. In their family were four children: William, of Franklin county; Emma, the wife of William Bramer, of Mott township; Clara, wife of the subject of this review; and Joseph, of Mott township. Mr. and Mrs. Witte have one son, Wilbert F., born May 1, 1909.

Mr. Witte is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Although he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs he is not active as an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business interests, in which he is meeting with well deserved success.

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### GEORGE EDGAR WAGNER.

George Edgar Wagner, a representative and popular citizen of Faulkner, well known in business circles of that city and of Ackley, was born in Franklin county, February 26, 1873. He is a son of Isaiah and Sarah E. (Jacobs) Wagner, natives of Illinois, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

George E. Wagner acquired his early education in a district school and later attended the academy at Ackley. Following this he turned his attention to farming in Franklin county, and at the end of three years became a partner with F. S. Whitney in the general mercantile business. After two years Mr. Wagner purchased his partner's interest and ran the business alone for fifteen years, meeting with gratifying success. After he disposed of this enterprise he invested in Ackley, where he has since conducted a garage in part-

nership with Charles W. Blake. They handle the Cadillac, Empire, Detroit and Metz cars and do a large business, both being reliable, progressive and active business men. Mr. Wagner makes his home in Faulkner, where he owns a comfortable modern residence. He is also the proprietor of the telephone system there and is well known and highly regarded in business circles.

On the 1st of June, 1898, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Finch, and they have become the parents of three children: Finch I., born December 14, 1901; Fay E., born October 23, 1903; Lynne Opal, born October 2, 1909.

Mr. Wagner is a republican in his political beliefs and he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs. He is recognized as a business man of marked energy and laudable ambition, who seldom fails to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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### SAMUEL BONEWITZ.

Samuel Bonewitz, a progressive and successful farmer of Osceola township, operating one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, was born in Germany, September 17, 1866. He is a son of John and Mary (Nerdig) Bonewitz, also natives of that country. The father came to America in 1881 and located in Grundy county, Iowa. In 1886 he returned to Germany and brought his wife and children to the new world, this time locating in Franklin county. He and his wife now make their home in Ackley. To them were born four children: Samuel, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of D. Fritzel, of Grundy county; Henry, of Floyd county; and William, of Franklin county.

Samuel Bonewitz emigrated to America with the family in 1886, coming directly to Franklin county, Iowa. His entire active life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and his knowledge and experience have been the salient factors in his present success. He is now renting the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Osceola township, and carries forward the work of its development and improvement along practical and modern lines, the result of his efforts being seen in its excellent condition.

On the 8th of February, 1893, Mr. Bonewitz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schnell, a native of Benton county, Iowa, who died November 14, 1906, leaving five children: Emma Margaret,

born November 25, 1893; Katherine Elizabeth, born March 24, 1897; Marie Louise, born December 15, 1899; Henry W., born April 9, 1902; and John A., born November 3, 1906.

Mr. Bonewitz is a member of the St. John's Evangelical church, and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has rendered the township excellent service as school director and is at all times progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship, cooperating in all projects for the betterment of the community. During the period of his residence here he has won the warm regard and friendship of his neighbors.

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### FRANK EVANS.

Frank Evans, a sturdy son of Norway, came to America to court fortune, and fortune has come to him as a result of his indefatigable labor and energy. Mr. Evans now owns a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Oakland township, Franklin county, and is considered one of the prosperous farmers of the neighborhood. The goal which he set himself in his youth—to achieve financial independence—he has attained. Mr. Evans was born in the land of the midnight sun on July 2, 1840. His parents were Andrew and Mary Evans, both natives of Norway, who came to America in 1857 with their family, when our subject was seventeen years of age. They located in Green county, Wisconsin, and there the father passed away shortly after his arrival, in 1857. The mother also died in Green county, that state. To them were born six children, of whom two are living: Mary, who married Erick Larson; and Frank, our subject. Mary, Ellen, Martha and Lucy have passed away.

Frank Evans attended school in his native land and after coming to this country engaged in farm labor. In 1868 he came to Franklin county and bought eighty acres of land on section 18. To this tract he has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres, one hundred and twenty of which are on section 7. The family home, however, which is one of the handsome country residences of the neighborhood, is situated on section 18. Mr. Evans gives particular attention to stock-raising outside of his general farming. His buildings are in good repair, and the farm bespeaks by its appearance the prosperity of the owner. Suc-



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cess has come to him in reward of close application and modern ideas as to the best farming methods to employ.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Christina Maria Peterson, a native of Norway. To this union one son was born, Elman Merrill, of Emmet county, Iowa. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Evans married Maria Johanna Peterson, who was born in Wisconsin and who is a sister of the first Mrs. Evans. Her parents came to Franklin county in 1869, and there they lived until late in life. They removed to Wright county, where both passed away. In their family were ten children: Helena, the widow of L. Johnson, of Alden, Iowa; Peter, deceased; Margaret, the widow of O. Snuggin, of Dows, Iowa; Henry, deceased; Christina, the first wife of Mr. Evans; Caroline, deceased; Otto, also deceased; Maria Johanna, who is now Mrs. Evans; Theodore, deceased; and Johanna, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Evans became the parents of two children: Calhoun O., who was born June 15, 1887, and who is at home assisting his father on the farm; and Matilda Christina, born April 3, 1892, who died two days later.

Mr. Evans is a republican and stanchly votes for the measures and candidates of his party. He has interested himself in the public welfare and has served as township trustee. He also has been for a number of years school treasurer of Oakland township, and the cause of education has found in him a warm friend. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Evans is a representative farmer of Franklin county and one of those men who have helped to make Iowa the richest agricultural state within the Union.

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### JOHN I. POPEJOY.

John I. Popejoy was not only one of the earlier pioneers of Franklin county but one of the foremost men of the times. Not only was he a large landowner but prominent in business and financial circles. When he died, December 24, 1896, there passed away one of those who had promoted the prosperity and who had made possible the civilization which is enjoyed by the present generation. Mr. Popejoy was born in Jeffersonville, Fayette county, Ohio, February 10, 1824, and was a son of Edward and Martha (McGarry) Popejoy. The father, a native of Virginia, was reared in Kentucky. It is indicative of the few opportunities which existed at that time for an education that he was only taught to read and to write after

his marriage. In 1854 he came with his son, John I., who was then about thirty years of age, to Franklin county and located on section 26, Oakland township. The father was one of three men to subscribe to the first schoolhouse in Oakland township, giving thereby evidence of how much value he placed upon the acquirement of an education, and how important a factor he considered such an education toward a successful career. To Edward and Martha (McGarry) Popejoy were born the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Fannie, the late wife of Mathias Benson, of Ohio; Alvina, the wife of John Conner, of Ohio, deceased; John I.; and Martha, who married John Hensley, of Ohio.

John I. Popejoy was the first settler in Oakland township. After coming here with the family he engaged in the cattle business and was very successful along that line. He gave his sole attention to his business and prosperity attended his efforts. In 1895 Mr. Popejoy owned sixteen hundred and forty acres of land in Oakland township. He extended his interests to other enterprises and at one time was president of the Farmers Exchange State Bank at Dows and also held the executive position in the Popejoy Bank at Popejoy. At the time of his demise his land possessions totaled four thousand acres. These vast holdings give an indication of the great contributions which Mr. Popejoy made toward agricultural standards in Franklin county. He was thoroughly imbued with modern ideas and could ever be found among the first men to introduce new and progressive measures as long as he was convinced of their usefulness. Mr. Popejoy's success should be a lesson to young men, as he showed what can be accomplished through a life of labor and by intelligently applied energy and good business sense.

On October 24, 1849, Mr. Popejoy was married to Miss Frances Sophia Pearson, who was born on December 17, 1828, at Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and was a daughter of Moses and Mary (Kimball) Pearson. Her mother, who was a cousin of Daniel Webster, was born in Henniker, New Hampshire, December 22, 1784, and was married to Moses Pearson, October 28, 1813. In 1840 they removed to Montgomery county, Ohio, where they remained for three years and then went to Fayette county, that state, where Mr. Pearson died September 4, 1847. His widow then made her home with her eldest son, Horace Pearson, until the spring of 1856, when she came to Franklin county, Iowa, and lived with her youngest child, Mrs. Popejoy. Here she died on the 25th of September, 1875.

To Mr. and Mrs. Popejoy were born seven children: Mary E., widow of Lucien R. Fobes; Virginia E., the wife of J. H. Gilger, of Alden, Iowa; Florence, at home; Frances J., the widow of Frank A. Thayer, who was state representative at the time of his death; Edward P., at home; Ethel, who married H. J. Eastman, of Oakland township; and J. Horace, of Popejoy.

Lucien R. Fobes, the husband of Mary E. Popejoy, was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and died November 6, 1907. He came to Iowa in 1863, locating in Franklin county. During the Civil war he enlisted, and time and again gave evidence of his public spirit in effective administration of various township offices. For some time he was president of the Iowa State Bank at Dows. Fraternally he was a Mason and also belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Popejoy of this review always stood high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was ever ready to contribute materially or lend his support to public enterprises of worth, and many movements which turned out to be of great value to Franklin county found their inception in him or were brought to a good end through his efforts. Particularly did he contribute toward agricultural improvements and it is but just that in return for his labors and energy fortune should have come to him. He was one of the most extensive landholders in Franklin county at the time of his death and a kind Providence bestowed wealth upon him in the eternal justness of her acts. Not only was Mr. Popejoy, however, rich in material resources but he was rich in an honorable name and rich in friends who esteemed him at his true worth. Such men as he have made the middle west the home of the greatest industry in America—that of farming—and have helped to make this nation what it is today—the greatest nation on the earth.

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#### JAMES A. GREEN.

James A. Green, one of the early settlers of Franklin county, has here been actively identified with general agricultural pursuits for the past thirty-seven years and owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres on section 6, Scott township. His birth occurred in Monroeville, Huron county, Ohio, on the 10th of April, 1854, his parents being Thomas and Mary McCaffrey, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Huron

county, Ohio. The mother died in Monroeville, Ohio, in 1858. The father enlisted at Sandusky, Ohio, for service in the Union army and remained at the front for three years. It was in Ohio that his demise occurred. When four years old our subject went to live with his mother's cousin, George Green, in Wood county, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood. He has but one sister, Mrs. E. O. Williams, who is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Green's education was acquired in the common schools of the Buckeye state. In 1876 he came to Reeve township, Franklin county, Iowa, and here secured employment on the farm of an uncle. He worked as a farm laborer during the first three years of his residence in this county and in 1882 took up his abode on section 6, Scott township, where he has been actively and successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising continuously since. His holdings now embrace one hundred and forty-eight acres of valuable land in Scott township and an unimproved tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Wisner township. His home place is well improved in every particular and in its operation he has won a highly gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity.

In Hampton, Iowa, in 1879, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Clara Shroyer, a native of Reeve township, Franklin county, who there grew to womanhood and acquired her education in the common schools. Her parents, Lewis and Joane (Jones) Shroyer, were among the pioneer settlers of this county. The father passed away in Reeve township in 1906, but the mother, a native of Indiana, still survives and lives on the old home farm in Reeve township. Their four children, all born and reared in Reeve township, are as follows: D. W., who is a resident of Reeve township; Mrs. Clara Green; Martin L., who lives on the old home farm in Reeve township; and Victor E., of Geneva, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Green have been born six children, namely: Lloyd M., whose natal day was November 2, 1879; E. Ray, who was born January 21, 1882, and is engaged in the hardware business in Alexander; Claud William, who was born January 25, 1885, and died January 28, 1889; Harriet Beryl, born September 1, 1887; George L., born October 15, 1891; and Agnes M., whose birth occurred September 4, 1893.

All of the children, with the exception of E. Ray, reside on the home farm with their parents. The two eldest are natives of Reeve township, while the other children were born in Scott township.

Mr. Green is a republican in politics and has ably served in the capacity of township trustee and as a school director. His life is

actuated by high and honorable principles, manifest in his business and social relations and in his connection with public interests. He indorses various movements for the welfare and progress of the community and his influence is always found on the side of justice, truth and right.

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### JUD A. HARTGRAVES.

Since 1879 Jud A. Hartgraves has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and is today justly accounted one of its most active and progressive farmers and stock breeders. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 25, Ingham township, and has made this property valuable and productive through his careful and systematic management.

Mr. Hartgraves was born in Linn county, Iowa, April 23, 1852, and is a son of John R. and Sarah Ann (Stacey) Hartgraves, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Indiana. The parents removed to Linn county, this state, in 1847, and in 1854 came to Franklin county, locating in Ingham township, on section 25. The father engaged in farming from that time until 1891, when he retired. His death occurred July 8, 1909. He was one of the pioneer settlers in this section of Iowa and bore an active and honorable part in the work of development and upbuilding. His wife passed away in June, 1892. To them were born twelve children: David, who died in the army during the Civil war; Nicholas, of North Dakota; Elizabeth Jane, widow of J. N. Harland, of Berwell, Nebraska; Almeda, deceased; Jud A., of this review; John R., a resident of Woden, Iowa; Peter, of Minnesota; Solomon, whose home is in Canada; Olive, deceased; George, of Dumont; and two children who died in infancy.

Jud A. Hartgraves was two years of age when his parents moved to Franklin county and he acquired his education in the district schools of Ingham township. When he was twenty-two he secured a position driving the stage from Hampton to Clarksville and engaged in that occupation until 1876. In that year he went to Deadwood, South Dakota, and there engaged in mining for three years. In 1879 he returned to Franklin county and began operating the homestead, carrying on agricultural pursuits there until 1887, when he bought eighty acres of land on section 25, Ingham township. This he has since increased to one hundred and sixty acres

and he has made it one of the finest farms in the locality, provided with substantial barns and modern equipment.

On the 14th of February, 1883, Mr. Hartgraves was united in marriage to Miss Maggie L. Bennett, a native of Ontario, and they have become the parents of five children: Harry, now a resident of Colfax, North Dakota; Elizabeth, the wife of E. Nolte; and John W., Marguerite and Cornelius J., all at home.

Mr. Hartgraves gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held a number of township offices. He has been closely identified with Franklin county in its upbuilding and development for a number of years and is accounted an important factor in general growth.

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### OLE HOUG.

Ole Houg needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. While now engaged in merchandising at Dows, Wright county, he is one of the old settlers of Franklin county, where he still has many friends. He was born in Norway, January 11, 1867, and is a son of Aslak and Barbara Houg, also natives of the land of the midnight sun. The father brought his family to America in 1869, when his son Ole was two years of age. There were seven children, six sons and a daughter, but the latter died in infancy. The family made their way to Green county, Wisconsin, where the father secured a small farm. There the family continued to reside for many years, but after the mother's death, which occurred in that state, the father moved to Virginia, where he died in 1912, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

Ole Houg, who was the third child in order of birth, was educated in the common schools of Wisconsin and when eighteen years of age went to Lafayette county, that state, where he made his initial step in the business world by securing employment in a store, there remaining for four years. On the expiration of that period he left Wisconsin and made his way to Dows, Iowa, where he entered the employ of the firm of Johnson & Hanson, with whom he continued for seven years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account. He then entered into partnership with J. L. Sinclair in the conduct of a general mercantile establishment at Alexander, Franklin county. They con-



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ducted the business for six years and then dissolved partnership, Mr. Houg, however, retaining and conducting the business until 1913, when he returned to Dows, where he now conducts a store and makes his home. In 1910 he was made postmaster at Alexander and still fills the position.

In 1890 occurred the marriage of Mr. Houg and Miss Maria Hanson, of Wiota, Wisconsin, a daughter of Ole and Maren Hanson. The father was a farmer by occupation, and both he and his wife have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Houg have three children, two sons and a daughter, who in order of birth are as follows: Orville Adlai, who attends the Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls and will graduate in 1916; Myron Bert, who is attending high school at Dows; and Cora Dilia, who is also a high-school pupil.

Mr. and Mrs. Houg are members of the Lutheran church, loyal to its teachings and generous in its support. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and a Modern Woodman and in the camp of the latter he was clerk for fifteen years. His political activity has found expression in his membership in the county central committee. He was also the first town clerk of Alexander and was a member of the school board. He is recognized in the community as a resourceful and forceful business man and citizen. In his commercial connections he is progressive and enterprising and recognizes and improves his opportunities. Wherever he is known he is popular, his many sterling traits of character winning for him the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### RICHARD BLAKE.

Richard Blake, who follows general farming and stock-raising on a fine property in Osceola township, was born on this farm, May 23, 1856. For almost a quarter of a century he has been connected with agricultural interests of this locality and today holds a position in the front ranks of progressive and successful farmers. He is a son of Richard T. and Sarah (Pickmer) Blake, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. The father came to America as a young man and, having previously followed the sea, resumed that occupation as a sailor on the Great Lakes. He came to Franklin

county in 1852 and purchased land on section 34, Osceola township, accumulating eventually six hundred and eighty acres. He passed away in 1900 and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Ackley. They had twelve children: Louisa, the wife of A. B. Grant, of Iowa Falls; Jane; Richard, of this review; Frank, a resident of Olympia, Washington; George, deceased; John, residing in the state of Washington; Alice, at home; Bessie, the wife of L. A. Hembd, of Ackley; Katherine, who married D. W. Shroyer, of Hampton; Charles; Sarah, the wife of William Humke, of Osceola township; and Nettie, who married James Newell, of Marshalltown.

Richard Blake was reared at home and aided in the operation of his father's farm until he was twenty-three years of age. He then purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Osceola township and for twenty years thereafter developed that property, making it one of the productive and valuable farms in the locality. When he disposed of it he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead and here he has since resided, engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He follows always the most progressive and practical methods in the conduct of his business and his labors have brought excellent results.

On the 26th of September, 1882, Mr. Blake married Miss Christina Rath, who passed away April 23, 1906, leaving two children: Clara, the wife of Dr. Rosengren, of Ackley; and Frank T. Mr. Blake is a member of the Presbyterian church, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of the progressive and successful native sons of Osceola township and is held in high esteem by the people among whom his entire life has been spent.

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#### FRANK C. SMITH.

Frank C. Smith, engaging in general farming and stock-raising upon the Smith homestead in Lee township, is a native son of this locality, born on the farm he is now operating, January 27, 1884. His parents, Charles A. and Marietta (Reed) Smith, were born in New York, and the father came to Iowa in 1863. He took up a homestead claim in the vicinity of Ackley, in Franklin county, and operated this until 1871, when he moved to Lee township, securing one hundred and sixty acres on section 12. He was twice married

and by his first wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Myra Crosby, had three children: two who died in infancy; and Charles S., of St. Louis, Missouri. By his second union Charles A. Smith became the father of three children: Margaret E., the wife of W. G. Bond, of Buffalo Center, Iowa; Nathan W., of Kansas City, Missouri; and Frank C., of this review. Our subject's mother's first husband was John Andrews, a native of New York. By this union she had two sons: George Andrews, a resident of Buffalo Center; and John W. Andrews, of Lee township. The father of our subject now makes his home in Wyoming county, New York, having survived his second wife since August 16, 1908.

Frank C. Smith acquired his early education in the district schools of Lee township and later attended Ellsworth College for two winters. Following this he became a student in the Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage, Iowa, graduating from that institution in 1903. Afterward he returned home and took charge of the farm, which he has since managed with great success. He is a stock-raiser on an extensive scale and intends in time to deal only in thoroughbred animals. His interests are all carefully and capably conducted and are bringing him a gratifying measure of success.

On the 16th of November, 1904, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude B. Smith, a native of Iowa, and they have three children: Howard W., born August 17, 1905; Walter E., born March 1, 1908; and Margaret Leah, born January 7, 1911.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a young man of energy and ambition and he has already secured a gratifying place in agricultural circles of his native township.

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#### HENRY E. MARTY.

Henry E. Marty, one of the extensive landowners and progressive farmers of Franklin county, owning and operating five hundred and thirty acres of land lying in Geneva and Ingham townships, is a native of this part of Iowa, born March 8, 1871. He is a son of John J. and Hannah (Zell) Marty, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Prussia, Germany. They came to America in 1863 and located in Wisconsin, whence they removed to Hardin county, Iowa, in 1866. Three years later they came to Franklin county and located on a farm in Geneva township, where the father

resided until his death, which occurred October 15, 1891. His wife survives him and lives in Franklin county. John J. Marty had been twice married, wedding first Miss Barbara Baumgardner, by whom he had three children: Jacob J., of Butler county; John E., a resident of Franklin county; and a son who died in infancy. By his second union John J. Marty had five children: Henry E., of this review; George, deceased; George, second of the name, a resident of North Dakota; Frank, deceased; and Ollie, the wife of John Blum, of Reeve township.

Henry E. Marty was reared in Geneva township and acquired his education in the district schools. His entire active life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. His first tract of land—two hundred and sixty acres—was given him by his father and he has since added to this from time to time until he now owns five hundred and thirty acres, one hundred and seventy-one of which lie in Ingham township and the remainder in Geneva. Mr. Marty engages in general farming and stock-raising and has been remarkably successful along both lines.

On the 14th of March, 1895, Mr. Marty was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Pfaltzgraff, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of four children: Earl E., born August 6, 1897; a son who died in infancy; Edith Lily, born November 15, 1900; and Ray Harold, born June 14, 1903.

Mr. Marty is a member of the Evangelical church and a republican in his political views. His worth is widely acknowledged, his business enterprise having gained him a high place in agricultural circles and his integrity standing as an unassailable fact in his life record.

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#### CHARLES G. KLOUSIA.

Charles G. Klousia has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county since 1879, and has now important holdings in Mott township, owning two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on section 14. He was born in Germany, November 22, 1853, and is a son of William and Annie Rosa (Lossa) Klousia, also natives of that country. The parents came to America in 1855 and located in Wisconsin, where the father died one year later. In their family were two children, a daughter who died in infancy and Charles G., of this review. After the death of the father the mother married

Michael Wolf and of this union were born six children: John F., of Kimball, South Dakota; George, of Mount Vernon, Washington; Rosa, the wife of Frank Smith of Platt, South Dakota; Dora, David and Adolph, all of whom reside in Kimball, South Dakota.

Charles G. Klousia was two years of age when his parents came to America and he was reared in Wisconsin, acquiring his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Iowa and engaged in farming in the employ of others for five years. In 1879 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Mott township, and afterward added to his holdings a half section east of that. He later purchased two hundred and forty acres on the same section and this he operates in conjunction with one of his sons, carrying on general farming and stock-raising.

On the 14th of February, 1879, Mr. Klousia was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Meselheiser and they became the parents of nine children: Clarence of Joplin, Missouri; Alma, who married J. H. Wolf of Boise, Idaho; Walter, a resident of Mott township; Florence, the wife of Edward Fleming of Wisconsin; Lauretta, at home; Della, who married C. W. Patton of Mott township; George A., Howard A. C. and Irving L., all at home.

Mr. Klousia is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, serving as treasurer of the school board. During the long period of his residence in the county his enterprise and industry have carried him forward into important relations with business affairs and he has won a creditable reputation in every connection in which he has been found.

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### WILLIAM R. BUNKER.

William R. Bunker has spent practically his entire life in Franklin county and for a number of years past has been connected with agricultural interests as the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 17 and 18, Geneva township. He was born in New York, December 23, 1860, and is a son of William and Carrie (Place) Bunker, the former of whom was killed in the Civil war.

William R. Bunker came to Franklin county when he was two years of age and has been a resident of this locality since that time. Since the beginning of his active career he has been connected with agricultural pursuits and has accumulated valuable landed holdings,

owning two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on sections 17 and 18, Geneva township. This property he has greatly improved, providing it with substantial buildings and modern machinery and neglecting nothing which would add to its appearance or value. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

Mr. Bunker married Miss Benson and they have become the parents of three children: Alida May, the wife of A. M. Royer, of Janesville, Iowa; and Frank E. and Floyd R., both of Franklin county. Mr. Bunker gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is not active in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his farming interests, which under his able management have become extensive and lucrative.

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#### T. W. GAULKE.

T. W. Gaulke, a native of Germany, has become one of the successful agriculturists of Morgan township, where he owns a valuable farm and also serves at the present time as township assessor. He was born May 11, 1864, and is a son of Herman and Wilhelmina (Pigolpke) Gaulke, natives of the fatherland, who came to America about 1867 when our subject was but three years of age. They settled in Wisconsin but after two years came to Franklin county, locating in Morgan township, where the father still lives at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother has passed away. To their union were born seven children: Otto, of Hampton; a daughter who died in infancy; Ernest, of Morgan township; T. W., our subject; Ida, the wife of George A. Hess, of Bird Island, Minnesota; Emma, deceased; and Sarah, of Dows.

T. W. Gaulke received his education in the schools near his father's farm and remained with his parent, assisting him with the farm work until twenty-nine years of age. He then took up farming independently, acquiring title to one hundred and seventy-three acres in Morgan township. He has since added to this property and also owns in partnership with his brother Otto four hundred and eighty acres in North Dakota. For a number of years Mr. Gaulke devoted his attention to his farm, bringing the land to a high state of productivity and installing the most modern machinery. He now rents his property and lives retired at Dows.

On September 13, 1893, Mr. Gaulke married Miss Sarah Buge, a native of Hardin county, this state, and a daughter of William and Caroline (Schwantz) Buge, natives of Germany, who upon coming to this country located in Morgan township. The father died June 22, 1910, and the mother now makes her home in Dows. They had five children: August, a resident of Dows; Frank, of Popejoy; Sarah, wife of the subject of this review; Otto, of Minnesota; and Lucinda, who married E. Erickson, of Oakland township. Mr. and Mrs. Gaulke have seven children, Harry H., Edna Estella, Louis W., Inez Esther, Orville Newton, Leo Theodore and Fay Sylvester.

Mr. Gaulke is a democrat and has been actively interested in politics. He is now serving as township assessor, faithfully fulfilling the duties falling upon him in this official capacity. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which order he is very popular. His religion is that of the Evangelical church. Mr. Gaulke has by diligence and modern methods succeeded in making himself financially independent at a comparatively early age in life and his success is the merited reward of honest labor. He is a man of high character and pleasant manner, and those who call him friend are proud of the distinction of being admitted to his close acquaintance.

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#### PHILIP E. KRATZ.

Philip E. Kratz is a representative of one of the best known pioneer families in Franklin county and during the entire period of his active life has been closely connected with agricultural interests here, owning and operating one hundred and twenty acres of land in Reeve township and one hundred and eighty acres in Grant township. He was born in Reeve township, May 2, 1861, and is a son of Philip and Louisa (Reed) Kratz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in 1829 and came to America at the age of twelve years, arriving in 1841. He became a resident of Wisconsin and there engaged in farming until he removed to Iowa. He settled first in Buchanan county, this state, but in 1854 removed to Franklin county, where he secured a homestead, walking to Des Moines in order to close the deal whereby he became the owner of the property. From time to time he added to this until his possessions were extensive and valuable. He died December 31, 1905, when in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and his wife, who was born June

30, 1833, died April 17, 1900. They were the parents of five children: Paulina, who was born February 21, 1857, and died January 30, 1900; Valentine J., living retired in Hampton; Philip E., of this review; Mary, who was born August 8, 1864, and died October 14, 1866; and Lemuel M., who was born December 7, 1866, and is an attorney at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Philip E. Kratz remained upon the home farm throughout the period of his boyhood and youth and early became familiar with the best methods of farm operation. In 1892 his father deeded him one hundred acres on section 8, Grant township, and to this he has since added eighty acres. In addition to this he owns a one hundred and twenty acre tract in Reeve township and is active in the development and improvement of both properties. He engages in general farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale and has met with excellent success in the conduct of his interests.

Mr. Kratz married Miss Mary E. Bailey, a native of Wisconsin, and a representative of a family which has been in Franklin county for about forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Kratz have three children: Milford Lemuel, born July 11, 1892; Edna K., born August 14, 1894; and Lewis Bailey, born July 16, 1900.

Mr. Kratz is a member of the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. During the entire period of his active life he has been closely associated with agricultural interests of this locality and he is a man whose character and standards have always merited the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

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#### AEILT BRASS.

Aeilt Brass is now living in retirement in Bradford, this county, after having been for many years influentially identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests. He was born in Germany, March 30, 1848, and is a son of W. E. and Hilka (Joesten) Brass, natives of Germany, where the father passed away. The mother came to America in 1878 and located in Ogle county, Illinois, whence in 1880 she moved to Iowa. She located in Butler county, this state, and later removed to Grundy county, where her death occurred October 26, 1881. In this family were seven children: Klaas, deceased; Ehme, of Ogle county, Illinois; Aeilt, of this review; John also residing in Ogle county; Siebentia, the wife of Isaac



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Harkan, of Butler county, Iowa; W. E., who makes his home in Missouri; and Hilka, the wife of John Roos, of Ogle county, Illinois.

Mr. Brass remained in Germany until 1880 and then emigrated to America, locating in Grundy county, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that time he moved to Hardin county and thence after two years to Franklin county. He located in Grant township and bought a quarter section of land here. He afterward added another quarter of section 17, Grant township, and upon this property carried on general farming and stock-raising for many years, meeting with gratifying and well deserved success as a result of his practical methods and careful supervision of his interests. He acquired a comfortable competency and in 1912 retired from active life, moving into Bradford, where he erected the modern home in which he now resides.

On May 5, 1875, Mr. Brass was united in marriage to Miss Waltje Arends, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of seven children: Wiard, of Kossuth county, Iowa; Frederick, living near Buffalo Center, Iowa; Klaas, of Grant township; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles A. Duit, of Grant township; Ehme, of Buffalo Center; Eppe, of Grant township; and John, also residing in Grant township.

Mr. Brass is a member of the Evangelical church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has been active in public affairs and has held a number of local offices, serving as justice of the peace and also as road supervisor. His life has always been in keeping with high standards, and he justly deserves the full measure of confidence and respect now entertained for him by all who know him.

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#### HARRY E. LUKE.

Harry E. Luke, a well known stock buyer and shipper of Geneva township, was born in Reeve township, this county, August 16, 1870. He is a son of Garrett W. and Harriett (Turner) Luke, the former a native of New York and the latter of Maine. The parents came to Iowa in June, 1868, and located in Reeve township, Franklin county, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred February 7, 1910. His wife has also passed away.

Harry E. Luke acquired his education in the district schools of Reeve township and afterward remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he began farming on rented property and has since been connected with agricultural interests here. For four years he engaged in general farming but he now concentrates his attention upon buying and shipping stock. He has built up a large business along this line and his animals command a high price and a ready sale upon the market.

On the 16th of January, 1901, Mr. Luke married Miss Emma Hagenah, a native of Germany, who came to Iowa in 1886, locating in Geneva township. Her father died in Germany and her mother afterward married George Van Eschen. By her first marriage she had three children, as follows: Emma, wife of the subject of this review; John, who died in infancy; and Anna, deceased. She and her second husband had four children: George, a resident of Butler; Margaret and John, of Ackley; and Johanna, the wife of P. Welke, of Golden, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Luke have an adopted daughter, Anna, who was born June 16, 1908.

Mr. Luke is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been elected county supervisor, entering upon the duties of that office January 1, 1914. He is well known in his township and throughout the county and occupies an enviable position in business circles, having fully demonstrated his worth and his progressive spirit.

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#### ALVA M. CREIGHTON.

Franklin county numbers among its most progressive and successful native sons Alva M. Creighton, who owns and operates two hundred and eighty acres of land on section 22, Reeve township, and who by constantly following the most practical and modern agricultural methods has surrounded himself with a gratifying degree of success. He is a native son of Franklin county, born in Reeve township, January 23, 1868, his parents being David and Sarah (Bird) Creighton, the former a native of Ohio. The father engaged in farming during his entire active life and is now living retired in Hampton. He and his wife became the parents of eleven children: Alva M., of this review; Edmund of Lee township, Franklin county;

James A., operating the homestead in Reeve township; Elmira, Oliver, Melvin, Ellen and David, all of whom have passed away; Beryl; May, the wife of E. N. Wolford, of Reeve township; and Elsie Vere, of Geneva.

Alva M. Creighton acquired his education in the public schools of his native township and when he began his independent career turned his attention to farming, an occupation which he has followed during the entire period of his active life. His first purchase of land consisted of one hundred and twenty acres on section 22, Reeve township, and to this he has since added one hundred and sixty acres. His farm is well improved in every particular, and his farming and stock-raising interests have grown every year more extensive and important. Mr. Creighton has followed always the most practical methods in the improvement and development of his homestead and stands today in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists of this locality.

On the 1st of January, 1891, Mr. Creighton was united in marriage to Miss Elma Nichols, a native of Butler county, and they became the parents of three children: David D., deceased; Glenn D.; and Arthur C., who is also deceased.

Mr. Creighton is a member of the Christian church and connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has held a number of township offices, proving capable and reliable in positions of trust and responsibility. He is widely and favorably known in the county, his business enterprise having carried him forward into important relations with agricultural interests and his personal characteristics having won him the warm and lasting regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### HENRY BUZZELL.

Since 1890 Henry Buzzell has been prominently connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and has made substantial contributions to general development and progress through his intelligent management of his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 25 and 26, Lee township. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, June 1, 1852, and is a son of Daniel P. and Lucina (Henry) Buzzell, the former a native of Montpelier, Vermont, born June 27

1821, and the latter of New York. In December, 1852, they removed from Cook county, Illinois, to De Kalb county, that state, where Daniel P. Buzzell purchased a farm of eighty acres and continued to reside until his death, which occurred May 1, 1886. His wife was called to her final rest on the 29th of March, 1889. To them were born ten children: Lydia, the deceased wife of A. Cook, of Saratoga, California; Nathaniel, who has passed away; Henry, of this review; George, deceased; Orin, of Sycamore, Illinois; Mary, the wife of Samuel J. Mason, of Iowa Falls; Ira, of Tracy, Minnesota; Otis, a resident of Sycamore, Illinois; Lottie, of Iowa Falls; and Ada, the wife of George Bunk, of Hardin county.

Henry Buzzell remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age and then removed from De Kalb county to Kane county, Illinois, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he went to Boone county, Illinois, and after another year returned to Kane county, where he spent two years. He made his first purchase of land in 1879, buying eighty acres in Kane county, Illinois, whereon he resided for two years. In 1881 he bought one hundred and thirty acres in Boone county, Illinois, where he resided for nine years or until 1890, when he came to Franklin county and purchased two hundred and forty acres on sections 25 and 26, Lee township. Upon this property he has practically resided since that time with the exception of two years, from 1892 until 1894, when he returned to De Kalb county to operate and dispose of his father's homestead. He has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and cultivation, adding to his buildings and equipment whenever necessary and making the farm one of the finest in this locality. In addition to the work of the fields, he also raises and feeds stock and his interests along this line are extensive and important.

In January, 1877, Mr. Buzzell married Miss Emily Hawley, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Theodore S. and Sarah (Cramp) Hawley, the former a native of New York state, born July 4, 1815, and the latter born in England, March 20, 1826. Mr. Hawley died in Kane county, Illinois, in 1900, and his wife in May, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Buzzell became the parents of five children: Cora, Arvin and Menzo, deceased; Harry, who was born in Boone county, Illinois, April 29, 1888, and is at home; and Susie Pearl, the wife of Louis Newton, a resident of Lee township.

Mr. Buzzell is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, being a member of Masons Home Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M., of Iowa Falls, and Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, S. P. R. S. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and gives his politi-

cal allegiance to the republican party, serving at the present time as township trustee. The course which he has followed throughout the period of his residence in Franklin county commends him to the confidence and good-will of all and he has an extensive and representative circle of friends.

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### FRANK P. FINN.

Frank P. Finn, carrying on general farming and stock-raising on two hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, Geneva township, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, May 18, 1869. He is a son of John and Cecilia (McGuire) Finn, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of London, Ontario. The father went to Canada when he was about twenty-two years of age, later removed to Green county, Wisconsin, and thence came to Iowa in 1870, locating on section 16, Geneva township, Franklin county, where both he and his wife passed away. Eight children were born to them: James, of Nebraska; Mary Jane, deceased; Josephine C., of Mason City, Iowa; John L., a resident of Nebraska; Jarvis C., deceased; William W., of Kossuth county, Iowa; Frank P., of this review; and Norbert E., of Dumont.

Frank P. Finn was one year old when his parents came to this county, and he was reared upon his father's farm here, acquiring his education in the district schools. He began his independent career operating the homestead, and he continued thus until 1901, when he went to Geneva, thence to Dumont and then to Shell Rock, where he was in the butcher business for one year. He was obliged to dispose of that enterprise on account of ill health and was prevented for the same reason from engaging in any other occupation for four years thereafter. At the end of that time he was elected mayor of Dumont and served for two years, giving to the city a straightforward and businesslike administration. In 1910 he purchased the interests of the other heirs in his father's homestead in Geneva township and has since carried on general farming and stock-raising on this property. It comprises two hundred and forty acres and is provided with substantial barns and outbuildings and all the necessary equipment of a model farm.

On the 19th of October, 1910, Mr. Finn was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Morrison, of Jones county, Iowa, who had previously been engaged in school teaching. She is the daughter of

Thomas A. and Sina Catherine (McMurrin) Morrison, of Black-hawk county. Mr. and Mrs. Finn have two children: Gwyneth Lu Sina, born November 16, 1911; and Anna Cecilia, born May 27, 1913.

Mr. Finn is a member of the Knights of Pythias and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is not only industrious and enterprising but also a man of high moral character and greatly esteemed both as a citizen and a business man throughout the township.

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### J. ALBERT REEVE.

J. Albert Reeve, a native son of Franklin county, a representative of one of its honored pioneer families and one of the progressive farmers and extensive stock feeders and shippers of this locality, is a son of James B. and Adeline (Riggs) Reeve, natives of Connecticut. The father came to Iowa in October, 1852, and here purchased a farm in Reeve township. He was one of the pioneer settlers of this locality, assisting in the organization of the county and serving as the first county judge. He took up the first claim in Franklin county and Reeve township was named in his honor. At the time of the Civil war he raised Company H of the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, was elected its captain and went to the front in June, 1863. He died at Fort Pillow, Tennessee, and his wife has also passed away.

They were the parents of eleven children: Fernando L., who was a member of the Ninth Iowa Infantry in the Civil war and who died in Andersonville prison in August, 1864; Theodore H., who was a member of the same regiment and who is now engaged in the practice of law and also conducts a real-estate office at Dewey, Oklahoma; Orilla M., who married John T. James, of Arkansas; Orson G., a member of the Iowa state legislature; Beulah M., deceased; John R., who is engaged in the coal and grain business in Hampton; Susan M., the wife of H. A. Clock, of Long Beach, California; J. Albert, of this review; Ella, the wife of F. Foster, of St. Marys, Idaho; Herman D., who was secretary to Congressman Hall and who is now practicing law in Washington, D. C.; and Emily A., a teacher in a missionary school in India.

J. Albert Reeve was reared at home and acquired his education in the district schools. During his entire active life he has been engaged in farming and his success in this field is the result of wide

experience and thorough familiarity with the best and most practical agricultural methods. In 1873 he made his first purchase of land, buying eighty acres in Morgan township. He has added to this from time to time until he is today one of the most extensive land-holders in the county, owning seven hundred and twenty acres in Morgan, Reeve and Hamilton townships. His property is all well improved and under a high state of cultivation, returning bounteous harvests as a result of the care and labor bestowed upon it. In addition to dairy farming Mr. Reeve is a stock breeder and dealer on an extensive scale, shipping a large amount of cattle annually.

Mr. Reeve is a stanch republican and although he is not an active politician he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs and is always ready to cooperate in any movement for the advancement of the county and state. Having resided in Franklin county since his birth, he is well and favorably known here and his record is such as commends him to the respect and good-will of all with whom he is associated.

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#### HENRY MEYER.

For a period of thirty-six years Henry Meyer has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county and during that time has made many substantial contributions to general growth and development, winning also an individual success which places him among the representative and progressive farmers of this locality. He was born in Germany, November 22, 1856, and is a son of Henry and Dorothea (Hener) Meyer, also natives of Germany, where the mother passed away. The father came to America in 1877 and located in Marion township, Franklin county, Iowa, where he died in 1890.

Henry Meyer came to America in 1876 and in the same year bought eighty acres of land on section 15, Marion township. This forms a portion of his present homestead, but he has added to his holdings from time to time, owning today two hundred and forty acres of excellent land. Upon this he engages in general farming and stock-raising and has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 9th of December, 1877, Mr. Meyer married Miss Doris Gottschalk, and to them were born five children: Alwine, the wife of F. Lübkeman of Marion township; Doris, who married August

Meyer of Reeve township; Augusta, the wife of W. T. Burmester; Herman and Emma, at home.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. During the thirty-six years of his residence in Franklin county he has contributed materially to its growth and development and is now recognized, not only as one of the substantial farmers of the community but also as one of the representative citizens of the township.

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### VALENTINE J. KRATZ.

Extensive landed holdings return to Valentine J. Kratz a substantial annual income enabling him to live retired in an attractive, commodious and comfortable home in Hampton. He was born in this county on the 1st of December, 1858, and therefore for more than a half century has witnessed its continued growth and development, great changes occurring during this period, as pioneer conditions have given way before the evidences of an advancing civilization. His parents were Philip and Louisa (Reed) Kratz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born at Bingen on the Rhine, Germany, in 1829 and came to America at the age of twelve years, arriving in 1841. He became a resident of Wisconsin and there made farming his life work until he came to Iowa. He first settled in Buchanan county, this state, but in 1854 removed to Franklin county, where he secured a homestead, walking to Des Moines in order to close the deal whereby he became the owner of the property. From time to time he added to this until his possessions were extensive and valuable. He died December 28, 1905, when in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and his wife, who was born June 30, 1833, died April 17, 1900. They were the parents of five children: Paulina, who was born February 21, 1857, and died January 30, 1900; Valentine J.; Philip Edward, who was born May 2, 1861, and is a farmer of Grant township; Mary, who was born August 8, 1864, and died October 14, 1866; and Lemuel M., who was born on the 7th of December, 1866, and is an attorney at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Valentine J. Kratz remained upon the home place through the period of his boyhood and youth, was reared to the occupation of farming and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In 1894 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land to which he added as his financial resources



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increased until he is now the owner of five hundred and twenty-four acres. On the 7th of March, 1900, he removed to the farm which is now his home, a place of one hundred and twenty acres in the outskirts of Hampton. He has greatly beautified and improved the farm which is devoted to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate and presents a most neat, thrifty and attractive appearance.

It was in the year of his first purchase of land, 1894, that Mr. Kratz made further arrangements for a home of his own, in his marriage on the 27th of April to Miss Ella Shroyer, a daughter of William Jones and Maria (Rucker) Shroyer. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. When twenty-one years of age Mr. Shroyer left Indiana, where he had lived for some time and with a brother came to Iowa. He is still a resident of Hampton, and is president of the Old Settlers' Union. His wife, however, has passed away. In their family were five children: Everett L., who was born December 22, 1861, and died on the 6th of May, 1887; Ella, born January 8, 1863; Cora B., born February 2, 1866; Minnie M., born July 2, 1871; and William Wooster, who was born July 16, 1874, and resides upon the old homestead farm in Reeve township. Unto Mr. and Mrs Kratz have been born two sons and a daughter: Howard V., born April 24, 1895, and now a high-school student; Gertrude Louisa, born May 17, 1896; and a son, who was born November 9, 1899, but died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Kratz is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Mystic Workers of the World. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and his life is in consistent harmony with its professions. He has always depended upon earnest, persistent labor for his success and as the years have passed he has gained a position among the men of affluence in the community, his straightforward business methods being recognized by all.

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### HENRY BICKNESE.

Henry Bicknese, carrying on general farming upon a quarter section of land in Scott township, was born in Germany, June 11, 1851. He came to America in 1868 and located in Chicago, Illinois, where he remained three years. At the end of that time he moved to Kankakee and there spent five years, after which, in 1875, he came to

Iowa, locating near Hampton, where he engaged in farming. After ten years he returned to Chicago and this time made his home in that city for five years. Upon the expiration of that period he removed to Franklin county, buying a quarter of section 24, Scott township. Upon this property he has since resided and has greatly improved it, providing it with substantial buildings and labor-saving machinery. He has made it productive and valuable and it reflects in every department the care and labor he has bestowed upon it.

On October 13, 1877, Mr. Bicknese married Miss Magdalena Hornburger, a native of France, and they became the parents of seven children: Emma, deceased; Henry, at home; Anna, the wife of J. Gill, of Texas; Minnie and Fred, at home; Sarah, who married Adlbert Beal, of Alden, Iowa; and Louisa, at home.

Mr. Bicknese is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is widely known throughout Franklin county as a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen and he commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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#### ADAMS SMITH.

Adams Smith is one of the pioneer settlers of Franklin county, where he has devoted many years to agricultural pursuits. He was born in New Hampshire, a son of Eli and Caroline (Wilson) Smith, who were natives of the same state. The son was educated in the public schools there and spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. At the age of twenty years he left the old Granite state and, seeking the wider opportunities of the west, came to Iowa. In 1858 he took up forty acres of land in Oakland township, acquiring his title directly from the government, and since that time has been identified with farming interests in Franklin county.

It was on the 25th of June, 1858, that Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bigelow, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Cutter) Bigelow, who were also from New Hampshire, and on coming to Iowa settled in Oakland township, Franklin county. It was in the year 1857 that Levi Bigelow left New England and came to this state. He lived for one year at Otisville, now Dana, and in 1858 removed to Oakland Valley, where for a few years he devoted his time to farming. In the early '60s he opened a general store and when the postoffice was established he was appointed postmaster, which position he filled until his death in 1885. His wife passed

away in 1873, and he was married again, his second union being with Mrs. Cordelia Gates Wilson, who lived but a few years after their marriage. They had one son, Elbert S., who is now a resident of South Dakota. By his first marriage Mr. Bigelow had five children: Levi S., Horace, and Horace, second of the name, all of whom have passed away; Elizabeth, wife of the subject of this review; and Mary, deceased.

Mrs. Smith was one of the pioneer school teachers of Franklin county, teaching the third term of school after the Oakland district was organized. However, she had already given lessons before that date and in all taught eight terms in Oakland township. After the death of her father she became postmaster at Oakland and remained in the office for fifteen years. She also conducted a general merchandise store at the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Minnie R., the wife of L. K. Seaver, of Dows; and Leslie E., at home.

Mr. Smith is a republican in his political faith and has always given stanch support to the measures and candidates of that party. He is one of the prominent members of the Franklin County Agricultural Society and has been a regular attendant at the county fairs for many years. He was present fifty-three years ago when the initial fair was held and has since missed but one or two annual exhibitions. For years he has served on the board of directors and has always been loyal to the interests of the society. Although Mr. Smith is in his seventy-seventh year he is still hale and hearty and takes an interest in all affairs that affect the welfare of the community. He is still a great lover of good horses and in his time has raised a great many roadsters on his farm. He is one of the venerable and highly esteemed residents of Franklin county, to the development of which he has contributed largely by his indefatigable labor along agricultural lines.

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#### DENNIS F. BUTLER.

Dennis F. Butler, who since 1885 has owned and operated a fine farm of eighty acres on section 4, Ingham township, and who has also another farm of similar extent in West Fork township, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, September 16, 1867. He is a son of Samuel Butler, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Dennis F. Butler was reared upon the family homestead in Ingham township and acquired his education in the district schools. In 1885 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 4, Ingham township, and since that time has cultivated and improved this property with the result that it is today an attractive and valuable farm. He has in addition another eighty acre tract in West Fork township and engages in general farming, his practical methods bringing him a gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 24th of September, 1899, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Cora Ella Esshieger, a native of Franklin county, and they have become the parents of five children: Elsie, who was born May 3, 1902; Viola, born November 27, 1903; Virgil, born September 11, 1908; and Wilma and Wilson, twins, born May 19, 1913.

Mrs. Butler is a member of the Evangelical church. Mr. Butler gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. His life has been a busy and useful one and his success is indicated in the fact of his ownership of one of the valuable farming properties of the community.

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#### FREDERICK SPANGENBERG.

Frederick Spangenberg has been connected with agricultural interests of Franklin county since 1888, and his success in this line of work is evident in his ownership of one of the finest farms in Marion township. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, April 6, 1858, and is a son of John and Sophia (Buholtz) Spangenberg, natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1857 and located in Cook county, Illinois, whence he moved to Delaware county, Iowa, in 1869. There his death occurred March 3, 1901, having survived his wife since 1883. To their union were born five children: Annie, the wife of William Ortman, of Clayton county, Iowa; Frederick, of this review; Louisa, deceased; Henry, of Delaware county; and Dora, who has passed away.

After the death of his mother Frederick Spangenberg joined his brother in the operation of the home farm and they continued together for two years, after which Mr. Spangenberg of this review managed the property for one year. In 1888 he came to Franklin county and rented one hundred and sixty acres in Marion township, carrying on general farming upon that place for five years. At the

end of that time he bought ninety acres on section 25, Marion township, and to this later added thirty acres. He has brought the farm to its present proportions and has made extensive improvements upon the property, erecting substantial buildings and installing modern machinery. His general farming and stock-raising interests are carefully and capably conducted and are bringing him a gratifying measure of success.

On June 13, 1884, Mr. Spangenberg married Miss Minnie Specht, a native of Wisconsin, and they became the parents of three children: William, Lena and Clara, all at home. Mr. Spangenberg is a member of the Lutheran church. He is a democrat in his political views and has held a number of township offices, proving himself a capable and trustworthy official. Wherever he is known he is respected for his unfaltering allegiance to the principles of honorable manhood as manifest in his business and social relations and in public-spirited citizenship.

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#### F. S. WHITNEY.

Among the early settlers in Franklin county and the men who have been for many years powerful forces in the development of its agricultural and business interests is F. S. Whitney, who settled in this county in 1866, following a period of honorable service in the Union army. He was born March 2, 1840, and is a son of William E. and Mary (Scott) Whitney, natives of New York.

He was one of the first to respond to the call for seventy-five thousand volunteers by the president following the bombardment of Fort Sumter on the 12th day of April, 1861. On the 18th of April of that year he enlisted in Company H, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in September reenlisted in Company B, First Battalion Yates Sharpshooters. At the end of nine months' service in that regiment he was discharged on account of disability, but he later enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Columbus, Georgia, and discharged in Springfield, Illinois.

With a creditable military record Mr. Whitney returned home and in the spring of 1866 moved to Franklin county, Iowa, settling in Osceola township. He turned his attention to farming and followed that occupation until 1880. He then became a grain dealer at Faulkner and at the end of about five years also embarked in

general merchandising, in which he continued successfully for eleven years. He afterward discontinued that enterprise but continued buying and shipping grain, an occupation in which he was active and successful for about thirty years, being associated with The J. A. Carton Company, afterward J. C. Lusch & Company.

Mr. Whitney has been twice married. In September, 1864, he wedded Miss Effie Dow, a native of Michigan, who died in March, 1902, leaving three children: Lenna A., the wife of Charles W. Raisch, of Osceola township; James E., a resident of Hampton, Iowa; and Mary A., the wife of Madison Greer, of Los Angeles, California. On the 26th of August, 1908, Mr. Whitney married Miss Lydia Fossler, a daughter of John and Sarah (Kembel) Fossler, natives of Pennsylvania. The son James E. was born in Osceola township, and after attending the public schools of Ackley took a course in the Teachers' Training School of Oregon, Illinois. He afterward taught for a number of years in the rural and graded schools of Ogle and Lee counties, Illinois, but in 1896 returned to Iowa and located in Hampton in 1900, since which time he has been connected with the railway mail service. He has also served for six years as a member of the board of education of Hampton.

Mr. Whitney is a member of the Presbyterian church and connected fraternally with the Masons and the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for the past six years has held the office of county supervisor, discharging his duties in a trustworthy and capable manner. No man is more prominently or widely known in Franklin county than Mr. Whitney, for he has made his home within its borders for almost a half century and has contributed in substantial measure to its development along many lines.

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#### GEORGE C. PATTON.

George C. Patton, a retired farmer living in Hampton, was born in Wisconsin, June 18, 1857. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Gapen) Patton, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to Franklin county in 1870, among the earliest settlers in this part of Iowa. The father became very prominent in public affairs, serving as a member of the state legislature for a number of years. He died March 15, 1909, having survived his wife since March 15, 1903. To their union were born six children: George C., of this review; Ruth, deceased;

Moselle, who has also passed away; Frank L., of Hampton; Belle, the wife of Scott Harner, of Rockford, Illinois; and Fred S., of Mott township, this county.

George C. Patton's entire active life has been spent in farming. In 1882 he purchased four acres of land in Mott township, to which he added steadily year by year until he finally accumulated two hundred and forty acres, which he still owns. In 1902 he bought another tract of ten acres near Hampton and lived upon this until 1912, when he sold the property and built a fine home in town, where he has since resided.

On the 28th of September, 1880, Mr. Patton was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Scott, a daughter of Henry and Sylvania (Deuel) Scott, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. They came to Franklin county in 1867, and the father engaged in farming here until his death, which occurred March 4, 1903. His wife passed away December 6, 1902. They had eight children: Lucy, the wife of James Cloon, of Goodell, Iowa; Oscar, of Buffalo, Missouri; Fremont, of Bolivar, Missouri; Sarah Jane, wife of the subject of this review; Clara, who married Charles Wimberly, of Bolivar, Missouri; Alice, the wife of James McCombs, of Lynn, Washington; and Eugene and Ernest, both of Bolivar, Missouri. Mr. Patton is a member of the Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is serving at the present time as supervisor and has proved an efficient and practical public official. He was for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Franklin county and enjoys and merits the esteem and confidence of the entire community.

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### HENRY F. LUBKEMAN.

Among the well-to-do farmers of Franklin county is Henry F. Lubkeman, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Morgan township, deriving a gratifying income from his agricultural labors. Mr. Lubkeman was born in Germany, August 1, 1875, his parents being Henry and Sophia (Klusmeier) Lubkeman, who were born in the fatherland and still live there. The father follows agricultural pursuits. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: William, of Scott township; Sophia, who married Carl Borcherding, of Marion township; Mary, the wife of W. J. Millbrook, of

Scott township; Henry F., our subject; Fred, of Marion township; and August and Carl, who make their home in Germany.

Henry F. Lubkeman began at the age of seven to contribute towards the family exchequer. He then herded cattle in the father-land and received for his pains the sum of one dollar per year. When sixteen years of age, he decided to emigrate to America, and coming to this country, he located in Gibson county, Indiana, where he remained until 1893. He then made his way to Franklin county, Iowa, locating north of Hampton. In 1895 he began hauling milk for the Hamilton Creamery Company, with which concern he had a contract for two years. He then rented one hundred and sixty acres of land near Alexander, which he successfully cultivated, and in 1902 acquired title to eighty acres on section 1, Morgan township. Success attended him and five years later he bought an additional tract of eighty acres. He engages in general farming and also raises Jersey Red hogs. He has placed upon his farm a number of excellent improvements and has erected a silo of two hundred tons capacity.

On January 11, 1900, Mr. Lubkeman married Miss Ida Dohrman, who was born in Franklin county and is a daughter of Henry and Minnie (Volsing) Dohrman. Mr. and Mrs. Lubkeman have six children: Nora, Edmund, Clarence, Raymond, Laurence and Cecelia. Mr. Lubkeman follows the progressive standard in politics. For four years he served as township trustee. Besides his extensive agricultural interests, he is a director in the bank at Coulter and vice president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Latimer. He and his family belong to the Evangelical church. Mr. Lubkeman enjoys the confidence of all who know him and is a valued and public-spirited citizen of Franklin county. Such success as has come to him is well merited.

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#### CHARLEY HENRICKSON.

Charley Henrickson is one of those sturdy natives of Sweden who have found a successful career along agricultural lines in the United States. He came to Franklin county at the age of twenty-two and has become one of its most prosperous farmers. He was born in Sweden, July 28, 1865, and is a son of Henrick and Kate Anderson, natives of that country. The father still lives there, but the mother is deceased. They had four children: Gustaf, of

Sweden; Charley, of this review; Anton, of Sweden; and Sophia, deceased.

Charley Henrickson was reared in his native land and there attended school. Perceiving the opportunities that lay before young men in the western world, he decided upon emigration and came to the United States, arriving in Franklin county, Iowa, when twenty-two years of age. He turned his labor to good account and in 1892 was enabled to acquire one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, Morgan township. He has ever since held title to this property, where he is engaged in general farming. He has made excellent improvements upon the land, which is in a high state of cultivation, and his buildings are in good repair. He is progressive in his methods, and his good judgment, ability and energy have led him to success.

The wedding of Mr. Henrickson to Miss Annie Peterson took place on March 21, 1892, and to this union were born eight children: Ivan and Sophia, deceased; a son, who died in infancy; Alice, at home; another son who died while quite young; Henry E.; Clarence R.; and Roy.

Mr. Henrickson has become as loyal a citizen of this country as any native born American. He is a typical western man, full of energy and ambition. He is public-spirited and upholds all measures undertaken in the interest of the general welfare. He gives his vote to the republican party and has served as a school director of Morgan township, being interested in the cause of education. His religion is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Henrickson is a representative Swedish American citizen of the best type, and it is to men of his stamp that the agricultural development of the middle west is largely due.

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#### MARK R. KEMPTHORNE.

Franklin county numbers among its progressive and successful native sons Mark R. Kempthorne, who, since 1905 has owned and operated the farm in Hamilton township upon which he was born. He follows the most practical and progressive methods in the conduct of his property and has met with a degree of success which places him in the front ranks of leading agriculturists of his locality. His birth occurred May 25, 1869, his parents being Charles and Jane (Richards) Kempthorne, natives of England. The father came

to America when he was about ten years of age and located in Wisconsin, whence he moved to Franklin county about 1867. He took up his residence upon the farm now occupied by the subject of this review and there died in May, 1904, having survived his wife since 1895. To their union were born eight children: Mark R., of this review; two sons who died in infancy; Rose, the wife of Charles Scantlebury of Hampton; James Henry, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Haymond, of Sterling, Illinois; Emily, the wife of a Mr. Stangland, of Tacoma, Washington; and Florence.

Mark R. Kempthorne acquired his early education in the public schools of Franklin county and later attended Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls, graduating in 1896. Following this he engaged in teaching in the district schools for seven years, engaging in carpentering work during the summer months. In 1905 he bought the old home-stead of three hundred and twenty acres on section 25, Hamilton township, and here he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His success is well merited, for it has come to him as a result of perseverance, enterprise and intelligently directed effort.

On the 20th of May, 1903, Mr. Kempthorne married Miss Ocea Myers, a native of Franklin county, and to this union have been born three children: Charles G., whose birth occurred March 16, 1904; Clara Garnet, born September 7, 1907; and Ocea Eyvon, born April 27, 1913. Mr. Kempthorne is a member of the Methodist church and a republican in his political views. He is well known throughout his native community as an honest and capable farmer and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he is associated.

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#### WILLIAM F. BECKER.

William F. Becker needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he is one of the successful and representative farmers of Osceola township, owning and operating one hundred and twenty acres on section 13. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, September 17, 1870, and is a son of August and Wilhelmina Bertha (Brammer) Becker, natives of Germany, the former of whom came to America in 1868 and the latter in 1861. The father located in Wisconsin and later moved to Butler county, Iowa. He took up his residence in Butler county, Washington township, this state, in 1871 and in 1887 moved to Franklin county, where he passed away July 2, 1889. His wife survived him some years, dying December 23, 1912. To their union were born ten children: William F., of this

review; Ida, the wife of J. Aldinger of Rowan, Iowa; a son who died in infancy; Louisa, the wife of F. P. Sailer of Osceola township; a daughter who died in infancy; Bertha, the wife of Fred Sailer of Hardin county; Herman, a resident of Ackley; a son, who died in infancy; Martha L., also deceased; and Olga, the wife of F. Miske of Ackley. After the death of her husband the mother of the subject of this review married F. Bulson, and to this union were born two children: Martha, the wife of H. Lepine, of Hartford, Wisconsin; and Anna, who married F. Uble, also of Hartford.

William F. Becker remained at home throughout the period of his boyhood and youth, was reared to farm labor and early became familiar with the best and most practical agricultural methods. His entire active life has been devoted to farming. At the age of twenty-seven he rented one hundred and twenty acres of land in Butler county and after developing this for two years moved to Franklin county, where he rented one hundred and sixty acres. At the end of one year he bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 13, Osceola township, and here he has since continued to reside, operating the property along practical and modern lines. In addition to general farming he also raises and feeds stock, and has managed his interests so capably and intelligently that he has met with rapid and well deserved success.

On the 8th of April, 1896, Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Stoher, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of John and Becky (Barger) Stoher, natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1868 and the mother crossed the Atlantic when she was four years of age. They reside in Iowa, the father engaging in stationary engineering. In their family were twelve children: Maggie, the wife of the subject of this review; Edward, deceased; Herman, a resident of Ackley; Hannah, who married William Sauter of Ackley; Henry, deceased; Benjamin, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Edward, who has passed away; John, of Eldora, Iowa; Bertha, who married F. Hintzen, of Mason City; Lizzie, deceased; and Mary and Taldine, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have two children: Minnie Bertha, born April 30, 1898; and John H., whose birth occurred March 7, 1905. Mr. Becker is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has held a number of township offices, in all of which he has discharged his duties in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. He has been carried forward into important

relations with agricultural interests of his locality, and his personal characteristics have gained him the lasting regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

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### LEONARD J. KRON.

Among the representative and valued citizens of Hampton is numbered Leonard J. Kron, who in the course of many years' connection with agricultural and business interests of Franklin county has accumulated valuable landed holdings and made important business connections, the extent of which places him in a position where he may now live in honorable retirement. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, May 8, 1846, and is a son of Frederick and Julia (Heming) Kron, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Maine. The father came to America when he was about twenty-one years of age and after locating for a short time in New York moved to Rockford, Illinois, where he became associated with the Leveretts, of New York city, who owned a great deal of land in that vicinity. In their interests Frederick Kron took charge of a number of sheep and also engaged in general farming. He died near Rockford, Illinois, and his wife passed away in Monona county, Iowa. To their union were born two children: Leonard J., of this review; and G. F., of Monona county.

Leonard J. Kron was reared in Rockford and acquired his education in the public schools. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, One hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry, reenlisted in Company G, One hundred and Fifty-third Illinois Infantry, in which he served fourteen months. He was mustered out at Chicago, Illinois, and immediately returned to Rockford, where he engaged in the contracting, building and lumber business until 1876, when he moved to Franklin county. Here he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Reeve township, and operated this property for many years thereafter, becoming known as one of the most progressive and practical farmers in his locality. He invested extensively in land in various parts of the county and has now important and valuable holdings. He is also well known as part owner of a bank in Lansing, of which his son-in-law has charge.

Mr. Kron married Miss Rosella Beemer, of Winnebago county, Illinois, and they have become the parents of two children: Myrta, the wife of R. G. Miller, manager of Mr. Kron's bank at Lansing;

and Fred W., of Reeve township. After the death of his first wife Mr. Kron was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Carrie North, a native of New York.

Mr. Kron is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Congregational church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for more than forty years was continuously in public office, serving for twenty years as county surveyor. His official record is a credit to his conscientiousness, ability and public spirit and in this and in all other relations of life he has held to high and pure ideals, winning in consequence the esteem and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

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### CHRISTIAN PETER CHRISTIANSEN.

Christian Peter Christiansen, of Morgan township, Franklin county, is a representative of the greatest industry in the United States—that of farming. Although a comparatively young man, he has already attained a position which places him among the substantial agriculturists of his district. He was born in Wisconsin, April 30, 1876, his parents being Nicolay and Hannah (Hanson) Christiansen, natives of Denmark, who about 1870 came to America. They first located in Illinois, where the father for nine years was connected with railroad work. At the end of that time he took up farming in Franklin county, locating in Hamilton township. He became a respected resident of his neighborhood and now lives near Coulter. His wife passed away in 1883, having borne him six children. The first two were twins, of whom one died in infancy. The other, Hans, is living. The third in this family is Christian P. Christiansen, of this review. The others were: John, of Coulter; Henry, also of that city; and Hannah, who died in infancy.

Christian Peter Christiansen remained with his father until 1897, in which year he reached his majority. He had such school education as the neighborhood afforded. After leaving home he worked at tiling for some time and also engaged in carpenter work for two years. He then rented one hundred and sixty acres, cultivating this tract for three years, and at the end of that period bought eighty acres on section 1, Morgan township. Mr. Christiansen has labored indefatigably to place his land under cultivation, and his acres are in a high state of productivity. He has made a number of excellent improvements, and his buildings are substantial and well equipped.

He has erected a silo of two hundred tons capacity, and implements and machinery of modern manufacture bespeak his progressiveness and his up-to-date methods.

On January 15, 1899, Mr. Christiansen married Miss Mary Winters, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Christian and Nelcina (Knudsen) Winters, natives of Denmark, who upon their arrival in the United States located at first in Illinois. They came to Franklin county about 1880. Here they made settlement in Hamilton township, and they now live in Coulter. The eldest of their three children is the wife of Mr. Christiansen while the other two are: Henry, of Hamilton township; and John, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen have five children: Hannah Josephine, born November 7, 1899; Leslie H., November 11, 1901; Everett K., May 13, 1906; Floyd W., November 7, 1911; and Hazel Nelcina, October 10, 1913. Mr. Christiansen is well and favorably known in Morgan township. Not only has he acquired a competency for himself, but he has been a valuable factor in promoting agricultural development in this district. Politically he is a republican, and his faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is interested in the growth and advancement of the community and gives his material and moral support to all public enterprises of a worthy character.

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### CHARLES G. LAIPPLE.

Charles G. Laipple, one of the best known farmers and stock-raisers of Osceola township, has since 1902 made his home on an excellent property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, three miles north and one-half mile west of Ackley. In the management and conduct of his interests he displays excellent business ability and enterprise, and these qualities are the factors which have gained him the substantial place he is now filling as one of the leading agriculturists of this locality. He was born in Germany, November 17, 1876, and is a son of John G. and Sophia (Laipple) Laipple, also natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1881 and after spending one summer in Indiana settled in Osceola township, this county, where the father engaged in farming until his death. His wife has also passed away. To their union were born fifteen children: Sophia, the wife of William Sailer, of Osceola township; Gottlob, occupying the old homestead; Charles G., of this review; William, a resident of Geneva; John, who has passed away; Ernest

A., a resident of Montana; Rosa, the wife of Charles Burkley, of Osceola township; Anna, Fred, John and Louisa, all at home; Amelia, a teacher in the public school at Geneva; two children who died in infancy; and Johanna Katharine.

Charles G. Laipple came to America with his parents in 1881 and assisted his father in the operation of the farm in Osceola township until he was twenty-six years of age, after which he rented land for two years. He eventually bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Osceola township, and here in connection with general farming, he specializes in the breeding and raising of registered shorthorn cattle, a branch of his business which he has made exceedingly profitable. He has remodeled and rebuilt the house upon his property and has erected a number of substantial farm buildings, including a ninety ton silo. That his labors have been practical is indicated by the results which he has achieved, as he now owns one of the best farms in his locality.

On the 29th of December, 1903, Mr. Laipple was united in marriage to Miss Clara De Boer, a daughter of Claas and Louisa (Eisenstrager) De Boer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Illinois. The parents now reside in Butler county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Laipple have two children: Harvey Leroy, born May 14, 1907, and Earl Douglas, born May 24, 1909. Mr. Laipple is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He occupies a position among the prosperous farmers of Franklin county, and the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so worthily has it been won.

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#### ANDREW F. BROWN.

Denmark has long been celebrated as one of the foremost agricultural countries of Europe, and many of its citizens who have come to America have made a success at this vocation in the United States. Among these is Andrew F. Brown, or, as he spelled his name in Danish, Anders Fredrick Brunn, who owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land on sections 10 and 11, Morgan township, Franklin county. Mr. Brown was born in Denmark, November 5, 1857, and is a son of Eller and Maria Brunn, who were born in Denmark and both of whom are deceased. They had eight children: Lars and Mary, who have passed away; Hannah, of Denmark;

Martin and Nicolai, deceased; Dorothy, of Denmark; Lena, who has also passed away; and Andrew F., of this review.

The last named attended school in his native country and at the early age of sixteen began to farm for himself. He was so occupied for two years but then took up the miller's trade, in which occupation he was active for about seven years. Previous to this period in his career he had for four months served in the Danish army. In 1881, when about twenty-four years of age, he came to America, locating at first in Illinois, where he farmed for one year. He then found a position in a wire factory, continuing in that employment for sixteen months, and subsequent to that period made his way to Hampton, Iowa, again turning his attention to farming. In 1891 he acquired title to one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 10 and 11, Morgan township, and he was so successful in the cultivation of this tract that he gradually has been enabled to add to it until he now owns two hundred and forty acres. All of this land is under high cultivation, planted to cereals most suitable for soil and climate. Mr. Brown engages in general farming, giving some attention to stock-raising. His improvements are excellent and his buildings in good repair, the appearance of his farm attesting the prosperity of its owner.

On May 7, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Andrew F. Brown and Anna Bohl, a daughter of Hans Peter and Martha Bohl, natives of Denmark. However, the family was of German origin. Both parents have passed away. They had seven children: Christina, deceased; Mrs. Anna Brown; Matilda, of Denmark; Peter P., of Albert Lea, Minnesota; Hans P., of Oregon; a son who died in infancy; and Matt, of Buffalo Center, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Brown had two children: Henry Christian, at home; and Elfreda Matilda, deceased. The former married Miss Lorena Lackey on June 12, 1912, and they have a daughter, Lucille Elfreda. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Brown also adopted a daughter, Sarah L. M., who is seventeen years of age.

Andrew F. Brown votes for the republican party and for three years served as school director of his district. He is a member of the Lutheran church and has always taken a deep interest in this organization. Mr. Brown has become a valuable American citizen and by his labors has contributed toward making Franklin county one of the richest agricultural districts in Iowa.

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